

## 2003 Value-Added Product Market Development Grant Recipients

State	Applicant	Amount	Narrative
<b>Arkansas - \$497,000</b> Arkansas	Planters Cotton Oil Mill, Inc.	\$497,000	Develop feasibility analysis & business plans for marketing an oilseed processing product (neutralized, dried soap stock or NDS) & the process for manufacturing NDS.
<b>Arizona - \$41,600</b> Arizona	TerraCycle Technologies, Inc.	\$41,600	To establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for on-farm composted vegetables and cardboard through development of compost teas, extracts and vermicompost, and customer base expansion.
<b>California - \$4,174,507</b> California	Calcot, Ltd.	\$337,400	Applicant will conduct a feasibility study and marketing study for identity preserved cotton clothes and towels produced from the cooperative's cotton products.
California	CedarMills Eco Farm	\$145,000	Working capital grant to market organic produce produced in a greenhouse that uses bioenergy to heat the greenhouse.
California	Valley Fig Growers	\$34,409	To evaluate the feasibility of marketing fig paste products. These products are made from dried figs.
California	Diamond Walnut Growers	\$500,000	Goal of project is to launch a premium snack nut product under a new Emerald of California label. Ten new Emerald snack nuts are ready for market launch.
California	California Canning Peach	\$39,962	The purpose of this market feasibility study is to Association determine the entry points into the California Hispanic processed food market, especially in rural areas and the nature of the competition.
California	Sunsweet Growers	\$500,000	The project is a product introduction for PlumSmart PlumJuice, made from fresh prune plums grown by Sunsweet growers.
California	Olive Growers Council	\$148,250	This project is for market introduction of new products, "ranch" seasoned black olives and "coastal style "green olives in re-sealable shelf-stable stand up pouches.
California	Home Grown Meat Steering Committee	\$49,280	Purpose of project is to conduct a feasibility study for locally grown to order, locally processed and locally sold to consumers meat products.
California	Cal/West Seeds	\$100,030	Purpose of project is to open emerging markets for a unique proprietary hybrid "BMR Hybrid Sudangrass" seed.

California	California Olive Oil Council	\$50,000	The purpose of the project is conduct a comprehensive consumer research study and feasibility study to develop a marketing plan for COOC's Extra Virgin Olive Oil Certification plan.
California	California Olive Growers	\$500,000	Purpose of project is to introduce Pizza Rings topping to compete against cheap imported products.
California	San Joaquin Valley Quality	\$228,250	This project is to develop markets for high quality Cotton Growers Association cotton products with verification of quality assured with a trademark.
California	Lodi Woodbridge Winegrape Commission	\$129,400	To conduct a marketing study to develop a strategy for promoting wine grapes grown in a certified sustainable wine grape growing program.
California	Hilmar Cheese Company	\$120,414	The purpose of the project is to market pharmaceutical grade lactose products in domestic and international markets.
California	Blue Diamond Growers	\$329,938	Market a new product targeted to Hispanic consumers. Products will be processed nuts with flavorings targeted to Hispanic consumers.
California	Superior Livestock.com dba Superior Stampede	\$149,000	Market value added beef products by segregating product.
California	Community Alliance with Family Farmers	\$69,400	The purpose of the project is to develop a commercially viable business plan for the segregating, aggregating and potential processing of fresh farm produce to be sold to local schools.
California	Napa Valley Vintners Association	\$328,500	The purpose of the project is to hold marketing events to increase consumer base of Napa Valley wines to younger wine consumers.
California	Western United Dairymen	\$299,871	The project will study the feasibility of developing a fuel market for renewable methane created on dairies.
California	Tsar Nicoulai Caviar, LLC	\$115,403	Purpose is to launch Tsar Nicoulai Caviar's new sturgeon product, smoke sturgeon, into domestic markets.
<b>Colorado - \$506,250</b>			
Colorado	National Bison Association	\$56,250	Assess the feasibility for developing standards for a classification program that will allow the industry to effectively market specific attributes of differentiated buffalo meat.
Colorado	Blue Sun Producers, Inc.	\$450,000	The goal of this proposal is to increase membership base and sustainability to produce efficient and profitable oilseed crops for production of renewable, domestically produced biodiesel fuel.
<b>Connecticut - \$50,000</b>			
Connecticut	The Farmers Cow, LLC	\$50,000	To develop and market a value-added, producer owned brand of milk and milk products that utilizes fluid milk exclusively from Conn. as its raw material.
<b>Florida - \$466,803</b>			
Florida	Florida Certified Organic	\$63,800	The goal of the project is to determine the feasibility

	Growers and Consumer, Inc.		of developing a grower-based, cooperative manure processing center.
Florida	National Watermelon Promotion Board	\$110,003	Two components to project: study on watermelon juice and concentrate processing; and product development, including consumer evaluation.
Florida	Citrus World Inc	\$293,000	Marketing citrus juices to emerging Asian markets.
<b>Georgia - \$268,973</b>			
Georgia	American Peanut Growers	\$250,000	To process and market peanuts produced by the grower/owners of the company.
Georgia	Winegrowers Assoc. of Ga.	\$18,973	To expand marketing of Georgia-made wines.
<b>Hawaii - \$363,785</b>			
Hawaii	Hawaii Gold Cacao Tree, Inc.	\$10,825	To determine the feasibility of marketing raw chocolate.
Hawaii	Hawaii Cattle Producers	\$319,960	Looking at the feasibility of two products – natural Cooperative Association Hawaiian beef, grass-finished on the US Mainland; and a short finish low grain, by-product ration and a grass-fed/forage finished beef produced locally on Hawaii pasture or forage.
Hawaii	Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation	\$33,000	This application is for a planning grant to investigate the potential opportunity of the cruise line passenger market for diverse agricultural products in Hawaii and to conduct a feasibility study for the value added arrangement of one-stop servicing.
<b>Iowa - \$2,810,269</b>			
Iowa	Niman Ranch Pork Company	\$350,000	Niman Ranch Pork Company is a majority owned and controlled producer based business. The owners consist 261 pork producers. The grant funds will be used to target emerging markets in mainstream grocery stores for natural and organic pork.
Iowa	West Bend Elevator	\$30,500	The West Bend Elevator Company is a farmer owned cooperative located in West Bend, IA. The APG will be used by the West Bend Elevator Company to assist them in the planning and development of a proposed bio-diesel production plant.
Iowa	Floyd County Wind	\$7,312	This is a 6 member producer group wishing to use Value-added Producer Grants funds to investigate the potential of electrical wind generation in Floyd County, IA.
Iowa	Naturally Iowa, LLC	\$246,150	Naturally Iowa LLC is a 25 member producer group focusing on starting a dairy processing & product development facility concentrating on "natural" or "organic" certified milk.
Iowa	West Central Cooperative	\$140,000	West Central Cooperative is a 3,500 member biodiesel plant requesting planning assistance to explore the technical & economic feasibility of using catalyst technologies to convert glycerin to high value chemicals for sale.
Iowa	Soyex Cooperative	\$149,000	To develop a comprehensive marketing, business and capital acquisition to

			support commercialization of a soy-based adhesives & resins.
Iowa	Farm Energy, LLC	\$7,500	Farm Energy, LLC is requesting grant funds to assist in determining the feasibility and business planning of a small scale producer owned windfarm in Northwest Iowa.
Iowa	Delaware County Meats	\$29,439	Delaware County Meats, LLC is an 11 member group located in Dyersville. This group is requesting working capital to start up operations to market Premium Pork Products on a regional scale.
Iowa	Chariton Valley Beef, LLC	\$34,158	Marketing of value-added beef to corporate.
Iowa	Mid-Iowa Cooperative	\$450,000	Marketing of non-GMO grain into domestic and international food markets.
Iowa	Innovative Grower's, LLC	\$51,010	Innovative Growers, LLC is developing a strategic marketing plan for specialized low lanolenic soybeans.
Iowa	Wholesome Harvest	\$450,000	Wholesome Harvest, LLC is a wholly owned producer based business located in Central Iowa. They have applied for working capital that will assist them in developing new markets in the organic pet food industry and overseas.
Iowa	Two Rivers Grape and Wine Cooperative	\$150,000	To assist in the start-up of a winery.
Iowa	Small Farm Produce, LLC	\$302,000	Small Farm Produce, LLC is an organic dairy processing facility in southeast Iowa. It is owned by 83 independent Amish dairy farmers. The VADG will assist this new operation by providing working capital during the initial start up.
Iowa	Iowa Corn Growers Association	\$56,000	Iowa Corn Growers Association applied on the behalf of two local farm supply cooperative businesses. The planning grant will be used to analyze the feasibility of new markets focusing on process verified corn.
Iowa	Ag Ventures Alliance	\$12,500	Ag Ventures Alliance is located in north central Iowa and is a farmer owned cooperative. The group has applied for VAPG funding that would assist the group in analyzing the feasibility of a food processing kitchen.
Iowa	Maharishi World Peace Vedic	\$144,700	Maharishi World Peace Vedic Organics is an Organics independent producer owned business, located in southeast Iowa. The business intends to market organic sunflower oil, and fresh organic salad mix directly to consumers.

Iowa	Midwest Grain Processors	\$150,000	MGP is a farmer cooperative located in Lakota, Iowa. The VAPG funds will be used to assist the group in the planning and development of a proposed expansion of the existing ethanol facility, along with the development of a biodiesel production facility.
Iowa	Creative Horizons Producers	\$50,000	Creative Horizons Producer group is located in Brooklyn , IA. The VAPG grant will be used to explore the technical and economic feasibility of a business to pre-process and market fibrous crops grown by Iowa farmers.
<b>Idaho - \$561,450</b>			
Idaho	Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC	\$91,200	100% Farmer-owned cooperative is seeking grant funds to determine the feasibility of adding value to a by-product of the sugar beet process. The proposed value-added activity will be to change the form of a by-product into a useable animal feed.
Idaho	West Slope Farms, Inc.	\$20,250	To determine the feasibility of installing on-farm wind turbines.
Idaho	Grant 4-D Farms	\$450,000	To conduct a feasibility analysis of marketing powdered straw and to develop a business plan to market the product.
<b>Illinois - \$813,000</b>			
Illinois	Central IL Energy Cooperative	\$250,000	Project consists of the construction of a 30-million gallon per year and hydroud denatured dry mill ethanol processing facility. The project also includes the construction of a co-generation facility.
Illinois	Land of Lincoln Ag. Coalition, Inc.	\$150,000	Construction of a 40 million gallon per year, coal fired, minemouth ethanol plant.
Illinois	National Trail Biodiesel Coop.	\$33,000	Establish a Soybean Meal / Biodiesel Processing Facility in South Central / Southeastern IL.
Illinois	Midwest Greenhouse, LLC	\$350,000	Produce and market high-value hydroponically grown red, yellow and orange bell peppers.
Illinois	Ursa Farmers Coop	\$30,000	Feasibility study for construction of state-of-of-the-art Identity Preserved grain handling facility adjacent to existing elevator in Warsaw, IL.
<b>Indiana - \$375,250</b>			
Indiana	Great Lakes Pork Cooperative	\$280,000	Operate a producer owned pork-processing facility in Northern IN.
Indiana	Putnam Bio-Products, LLC	\$25,250	Background work for Bio-Refinery concept to produce ethanol and other co-Products.
Indiana	Beef Ventures Group, LLC	\$70,000	Study a beef processing system for Niche Markets, for the small to medium size cattlemen.
<b>Kansas - \$873,533</b>			
Kansas	National Corn Growers	\$175,000	The National Corn Growers Assn. will use the grant funds to

	Association		conduct a feasibility study, and if appropriate, business and marketing plans relating to the development of livestock protein blocks using ethanol co-products (DDGS) as the major ingredient.
Kansas	Heartland Mill, Inc.	\$150,000	Heartland Mill, Inc. will use the grant funds for working capital in their certified organic wheat processing and milling operation.
Kansas	Rainbow Organic Farms Company	\$144,500	Rainbow Organic Farms Co. will use the grant funds for working capital to bring four new value-added "Good Natured Family Farms" branded products to the retail supermarket shelf and to increase the sales of their existing value-added products.
Kansas	Farmer Direct Foods, Inc.	\$349,033	Farmer Direct Foods, Inc. will use the grant funds for working capital to process heavy bran and light bran from hard white wheat. The bran will be used to create two new branded value-added products.
Kansas	Beef Marketing Group Cooperative, Inc.	\$37,500	The Beef Marketing Group Cooperative will use the grant funds to conduct a feasibility study and, if appropriate, develop business and marketing plans regarding the offering of HACCP certified feedlots.
Kansas	Ethanol Grain Processors, Inc.	\$17,500	Ethanol Grain Processors, Inc. will use the grant funds to update a feasibility study and develop a business plan for a proposed 30-million gallon per year ethanol plant to be located in Washington.
<b>Kentucky - \$574,630</b>			
Kentucky	Green River Cattle Company	\$70,000	Fund operations to market quality Kentucky grown beef from producer to end-user as a value-added process to increase net profit for producer and increase net farm income.
Kentucky	Kentucky Specialty Grains, LLC	\$72,475	Study the feasibility for rural farmers to capture more of the value of their soybean production through processing their soybeans into food ingredients.
Kentucky	South-East Bison Association	\$17,675	Develop a business and marketing plan identifying how the independent members of the group can coordinate a system of source-verified production, transportation, processing, packaging and marketing of bison.
Kentucky	Kentucky Shiitake Mushroom Growers Association	\$27,325	Investigate the business feasibility and economic value of developing a producer-owned business entity designed to manage and market organic Kentucky log grown shiitake mushrooms.
Kentucky	Union County Biodiesel	\$25,255	Feasibility Study and Business Plan on the conversion of raw soybeans into soy diesel and soy bean meal animal feed.
Kentucky	Agriculture Marketing Institute, Inc.	\$79,900	Feasibility study to determine feasibility of converting an existing chemical plant into an ethanol producing facility.

Kentucky	Kentucky Produce and Aquaculture Alliance, Inc.	\$35,000	To research the market possibility for an identity preserved marketing system by creating value to farms through consolidating Cooperative volumes and developing a brand and logo for fresh Kentucky wholesale produce.
Kentucky	Purchase Area Aquaculture Cooperative, Inc.	\$139,700	Develop a source of origin and input tracking system to promote identity preserved marketing programs including "Kentucky Fresh", "deep skinned", and "natural food" products and other value-added marinated and breaded products.
Kentucky	Hopkinsville Elevator Co., Inc.	\$87,500	A feasibility study and preliminary planning project focused on a soybean processing and biodiesel production facility. Determine the potential to undertake a venture whereby it converts the raw grain products into end products of greater value.
Kentucky	Kentucky Wool Society, LLC	\$19,800	To market a wool craft supply that will access and support the mainstream craft markets. This will provide a market niche for the Kentucky wool producer that is not available.
<b>Louisiana - \$7,700</b>			
Louisiana	Lincoln Hills Farm LLC	\$7,700	Marketing study for processed goat meat to enter into the niche market to supply ethnic populations.
<b>Massachusetts - \$1,027,953</b>			
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative, LLC	\$499,253	To expand niche markets for the Massachusetts Woodlands cooperative that focus on forest stewardship, green certified materials and other value-added forest products.
Massachusetts	New England Livestock Alliance	\$250,000	NELA's mission is to revitalize farming in the Northeast by enabling farmers to produce livestock profitably for the market seeking healthy meat.
Massachusetts	Heirloom Organic Cranberry Association	\$30,450	To develop a marketing and business plan for an expansion of HOCA's membership, sales and products.
Massachusetts	United Cooperative Farmers, Inc.	\$248,250	The mission of UCF is to establish a highly efficient and competitive state-of-the-art certified organic feed mill in Fitchburg, MA.
<b>Maryland - \$127,750</b>			
Maryland	Bay Friendly Chicken	\$127,750	To market broilers with three value-added characteristics: natural (free of growth-promoting antibiotics), air chilled, and Kosher.
<b>Maine - \$5,000</b>			
Maine	Sunrise County Wild Blueberry Association, Inc.	\$5,000	SCWBA is a Co-Operative formed by a group of small blueberry growers, that have banded together to add value to their crop in order to increase profitability. The VAPG will enable SCWBA to expand to institutional markets.

**Michigan - \$621,081**

Michigan	Coveyou Farms LLC	\$49,250	To diversify and increase profit on our farm by executing our business plan to enter the value added fall flower and decorative ornamental market.
Michigan	Michigan Turkey Producers Cooperative	\$55,574	Develop and expand the market for value-added turkey products among Restaurant "Food Away From Home" fast-food consumers who are becoming more health and food source conscious.
Michigan	Michigan Sugar Company	\$74,120	Analyze feasibility of using sugar processing plants owned and operated by MI Sugar Company for ethanol production.
Michigan	Michigan Apple Committee	\$71,600	Conducting concentrated, in-depth marketplace and consumer research to better understand opportunities, and consumer wants and desires. This information will then be provided to all members of the Michigan horticultural industry and others.
Michigan	Michigan Edible Bean Cooperative	\$247,175	Clean, bag, ship and process navy, pinto, black and red dry beans into flour. Studies indicate the best current market opportunity for dry bean flour is in gluten free products.
Michigan	Graceland Fruit, Inc. & GF Cooperative, Inc.	\$123,362	To develop a market assessment and plan for Graceland that provides a vision, strategy and tactical plan for the infused and infused dried vegetable business.

**Minnesota - \$1,103,480**

Minnesota	Minnesota Wood Campaign,	\$94,480	Minnesota Wood Campaign, Inc. proposes the development and marketing of branded (identity preserved) northern Minnesota forest products.
Minnesota	Hallock Cooperative Elevator Company	\$50,000	Hallock Cooperative Elevator will explore the feasibility and develop a business plan for a prospective biodiesel production facility.
Minnesota	Howard Beef Processors, Inc.	\$350,000	Howard Beef Processors, Inc. will use working capital funds to expand its marketing of pork products into Hispanic and southern markets targeted at retirees.
Minnesota	Alan Verdoes	\$14,000	Planning grant funds will be used to determine the feasibility of processing and marketing a branded natural beef product to retail and food service customers.
Minnesota	Farmers Union Marketing & Processing Assoc.	\$500,000	Farmers Union Marketing & Processing Association plans to use grant funds for operation of a proposed 2.8 million gallon per year continuous flow biodiesel processing facility using animal fats and vegetable oils from its livestock rendering operation.



Minnesota	Earthwise Processors, LLC	\$95,000	Earthwise Processors proposes to use working capital grant funds to expand sales of organic corn chips, organic sunflower cooking oil and organic baking pre-mixes into new and merging markets, domestically and internationally.
<b>Missouri - \$3,708,594</b>			
Missouri	Premium Pork, LLC	\$480,000	Assist in implementing accounting and information systems essential for integrated least cost production and processing for a 100% producer owned state-of- the-art pork processing facility.
Missouri	New Generation Ag Marketing, LLC	\$500,000	Development of the emerging natural foods market for pork products by supplying consumers with antibiotic free pork.
Missouri	Missouri Country Fresh, LLC	\$117,000	Market pasture raised poultry to the health conscious consumers across the Midwest.
Missouri	AgraMarke Quality Grains, Inc.	\$235,950	Conduct a feasibility and market study for expanding milling operations for new product lines, develop business plans for the potentially viable opportunities, and develop marketing plans for these.
Missouri	Premium Ag Products, LLC	\$349,990	Establishing a producer-owned business for selling IP-processed, non-GMO white and yellow food grade corn, corn for pet food, and food grade soybeans, to domestic and international markets.
Missouri	TransCon Ag, Inc.	\$332,119	To implement a multi-state marketing plan for the Pony Express Brewing Company, a division of TransCon Ag, Inc.
Missouri	Barton County Ethanol Production Steering Committee	\$47,500	Establishment of an ethanol facility within the region to capitalize on feedstock produced in the area.
Missouri	Flick Seed Company	\$50,000	Utilize waste biomass material to manufacture alternative fuel.
Missouri	East Central Ag Products, Inc.	\$500,000	Working capital for a 20-million gallon ethanol plant.
Missouri	Missouri Grain Sorghum Producers Association	\$49,760	Feasibility study, business and marketing plans for gluten-free malt products.
Missouri	Ozark Mountain Pork Cooperative	\$420,000	Allow an existing pork processing facility to expand into the all natural pork market.
Missouri	Western Missouri natural Dairy Producers	\$50,000	Utilize pasture based, natural milk from two producer clusters to process value added dairy products including artisan cheeses, specialty yogurts, boutique ice creams and high protein/low carbohydrate energy drinks.
Missouri	Missouri Masa	\$349,950	Feasibility study for the implementation of an Identity Preserved, non GMO white corn masa manufacturing facility.
Missouri	Dairy Farmers of America	\$150,000	Determine the feasibility of commercial applications for low-fat and super gel/low temperature Gel Whey Protein concentrates.

Missouri	Premium Elk, LLC	\$20,800	Supply target consumer markets with high quality elk meat products.
Missouri	National Christmas Tree Association	\$55,525	Study the feasibility of creating a certification program for Christmas trees with the objective of developing a program that would ensure that producers enrolled in the program would market a more consumer friendly Christmas tree.
<b>New Jersey - \$150,900</b>			
New Jersey	Garden State Ethanol, Inc.	\$75,000	Grant will be used to determine feasibility of using CO2 by-product from ethanol Production for flash freezing of New Jersey grown produce.
New Jersey	Heritage Vineyards	\$50,000	Working capital request to increase production of wine.
New Jersey	Circle M Farms, L.L.C.	\$25,900	Working capital request to increase production of peach cider from Non-marketable peaches grown on producer farms.
<b>New Mexico - \$51,510</b>			
New Mexico	Santa Fe Family Farms Cooperative	\$51,510	A working capital grant to expand the marketing of fresh regional produce physically segregated and labeled as a regional product under a pre-sold consumer subscription program.
<b>Nevada - \$57,312</b>			
Nevada	Nevada Wildland Seed Producers	\$57,312	A planning grant to assess the business feasibility for seed producers to grow, process and package native Nevada wildland seed/native plant seed used for reclamation of wildland fire, mine sites and landscaping.
<b>North Carolina - \$53,700</b>			
North Carolina	NC Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom	\$53,700	Proposal for support of value-added farm products manufactured at Blue Ridge Food Ventures, a nonprofit shared-use food processing facility. Grant and matching funds will support Farm Bureau members who are producers at the facility.
<b>North Dakota - \$198,500</b>			
North Dakota	Ag Processing, Inc.	\$198,500	Ag Processing, Inc. plans to determine the feasibility and profit potential of implementing a commercialized wheat trace ability system.
<b>Nebraska - \$3,576,912</b>			
Nebraska	Nebraska Turkey Growers Cooperative	\$120,000	This application is for a working capital grant to develop new markets in the states of Missouri and Colorado. The purpose of this project is to generate additional revenue to the turkey growers.
Nebraska	Biodiesel Steering Committee	\$121,000	The Southeast Nebraska Biodiesel Initiative seeks planning funds for a feasibility study of a biodiesel plant.
Nebraska	United Farmers Cooperative	\$367,500	UFC is seeking funds to explore the market potential for Identity Preserved or segregated grain by working with processors to determine their needs.
Nebraska	Aurora Cooperative	\$309,600	The goal of the project is to put in place a systematic process, for adding value to commodity grain products that enhance profitability.
Nebraska	Kearney Area Ag Producers Alliance	\$162,000	The goal of this project is to assist KAAPA in conducting needed additional research, feasibility study preparation, and business plan creation of a US farmer majority-owned Mexican entity to facilitate

			IP grains to the Mexican market.
Nebraska	KAAPA Ethanol, LLC	\$240,000	The applicant seeks a working capital grant to assist in payment for ingredient and production inputs for its 40-million gallon dry grind ethanol facility in Minden, Nebraska.
Nebraska	CO2 Ventures, LLC	\$128,000	The primary goal of CO2 Ventures, LLC is to create added value for producers by identifying and developing business applications for the profitable use of CO2, generated from the bioenergy processing facilities they own.
Nebraska	Ag Processing Inc.	\$499,875	Ag Processing Inc. will commission a feasibility study for the commercial development of soy-based surfactants.
Nebraska	Stateline Bean Producers	\$500,000	Stateline Bean Producers Cooperative, NonStock, is Cooperative, Non-Stock requesting funds for working capital to aid in their efforts to add value to the producer-owner's dry edible bean crop grown in the panhandle of Nebraska and eastern Wyoming.
Nebraska	Farmers Co-op Oil Company	\$120,000	The purpose of this project is to assist in the initial operation of a soybean processing facility by Farmers Co-op Oil Company of Newman Grove, Nebraska.
Nebraska	NEDAK Ethanol	\$38,500	NEDAK is a group of producers in north central Nebraska & south central South Dakota exploring the possibility of an ethanol plant. Funds will be used for feasibility study, marketing study & business operations plan.
Nebraska	Husker Ag, LLC	\$226,850	Husker Ag LLC is requesting funds for personnel and inventory costs associated with its 20 million gallon per year fuel ethanol plant.
Nebraska	Southeast Nebraska Alternative Crops Association Nonstock Cooperative, Inc.	\$96,355	The Southeast Nebraska Alternative Crops, Association Non-Stock Cooperative is requesting working capital funds to assist with the marketing efforts and initial operations of the Arbor Trails Winery in Nebraska City, Nebraska.
Nebraska	Progressive Producers Nonstock Cooperative	\$450,000	A working capital grant to help the cooperative increase its membership base, and sustainably produce efficient and profitable oilseed crops for production of clean, renewable, domestic produced, premium bio-diesel fuel.
Nebraska	Jim Clark	\$17,500	The proposal is to complete a feasibility study of eight different markets for Jim Clark's non-genetically modified white corn and by products, and develop a business operating and marketing plan.
Nebraska	Nutri-Tech, LLC	\$56,732	Nutri-Tech LLC will use working capital funds to increase markets and awareness of their vacuum tumbled ostrich steaks.

Nebraska	Energy Grains LLC	\$123,000	Energy LLC will use planning funds to research on the feasibility, compile a business plan and explore capital raising strategies for creation of a value added specialty grains origination and marketing system.
<b>New York - \$709,335</b>			
New York	Appleton Creek Winery	\$114,425	A working capital grant to develop marketing and merchandising techniques to expand brand awareness and traffic at the winery.
New York	Louis J. Lego/Elderberry Pond LLC	\$56,910	A working capital grant to operate a restaurant to market the farm's organic produce.
New York	ProFac	\$180,000	A working capital grant to increase the value of market potatoes through the introduction of raw product tracking technology.
New York	High Falls Gardens	\$148,000	A planning grant to determine the feasibility of direct marketing of Chinese Medicinal Botanicals to the herbal practitioner community.
New York	Schoharie Co. Coop. Dairies, Inc.	\$15,000	A planning grant to develop a business plan with an extensive marketing plan for establishing a dairy processing facility in Schoharie County, New York.
New York	Upstate Farms	\$20,000	A planning grant to identify new whey markets.
New York	Agri-Mark, Inc.	\$175,000	A working capital grant to conduct a multi-phase in-store sampling program to properly introduce the retail cheese products to retail consumers.
<b>Ohio - \$235,450</b>			
Ohio	Ohio Premium Pine Cooperative	\$78,950	A planning grant to conduct a feasibility study to identify value-added opportunities within the pine industry.
Ohio	Ohio Soybean Council	\$150,000	A planning grant to evaluate the technical and commercial feasibility of manufacturing frozen tofu in Ohio.
Ohio	Marietta Kitchen Creations	\$6,500	A planning grant to conduct a feasibility analysis for locally grown value-added products.
<b>Oklahoma - \$122,780</b>			
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Goat Producers	\$85,030	The Oklahoma Goat Producers propose to develop a business and marketing plan for a goat meat processing facility in Oklahoma, for producers.
Oklahoma	Kenaf Frontier Cooperative	\$37,750	The Kenaf Frontier Co-op proposes to develop a business and market plan to turn the plant kenaf into several different products: livestock & pet food, particleboard and a charcoal material. The various products will be saleable.

**Oregon - \$382,451**

Oregon	Oregon Sheppard LLC	\$150,000	Add value to low grade wool and biomass crops through production and marketing of high demand consumer products, derived from wool combined with other biobased materials.
Oregon	Norpac Foods, Inc.	\$55,676	To expand the market for processed vegetables and other Oregon-grown products by conducting qualitative and quantitative research on a new line of vegetable-based products designed for the Hispanic community.
Oregon	Painted Hills Natural Beef, Inc.	\$72,000	Hire new staff to expand the market for natural beef primals and processed beef products of painted hills natural beef.
Oregon	Summit Ridge Group	\$85,900	Provided a positive outcome of the feasibility study, the project will create a new business to coordinate and finance the development, construction and operation of on-farm wind turbines, resulting in the sale of electricity.
Oregon	Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative	\$18,875	The goal of this project is to assess the feasibility of developing a cooperative organic seed production growing operation and seed processing facility and to conduct a site survey and analysis to assess potential development site for such a facility.

**Pennsylvania - \$375,770**

Pennsylvania	Boyd Station, LLC.	\$349,995	Through extrusion/expulsion technologies, high quality soybean meal, soybean oil, and soybean hulls will be created increasing the producers value per bushel of soybeans by \$0.20 annually.
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture	\$25,775	PASA will assess the feasibility of building a regional distribution and marketing system for a network of independent pork producers in SE Pennsylvania.

**South Dakota - \$247,000**

South Dakota	SDAPV Dakota Premium Hay, LLC	\$145,000	A working capital grant for modified forage processing.
South Dakota	South Dakota Wheat Commission	\$45,000	The applicant is requesting planning assistance to determine the feasibility and profitability of creating an entity to establish identity preserved protocol so independent producers can profit from the marketing of high selenium wheat.
South Dakota	Prairie Berry LLC	\$57,000	A working capital grant to enhance the market for wine sales.

**Tennessee - \$281,844**

Tennessee	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation	\$281,844	Develop an alliance of cattle producers in an 11 county area who have implemented specific production protocols to improve the marketability of their animals because of enhanced carcass quality. The cattle will be marketed via a video auction system.
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**Texas - \$1,778,934**

Texas	Organic Essentials, Inc.	\$450,000	Develop new products and new markets of organic cotton feminine hygiene products.
Texas	Texas Hair Sheep Producers Coalition	\$145,194	Feasibility study to creating premium products to expand hair sheep production in rural Texas
Texas	TOPC Texas, LLC	\$249,500	Manufacturing and marketing soybean oil into a powdered food ingredient.
Texas	Texas Aquaculture Cooperative	\$245,000	Processing and marketing individual quick freeze & frozen catfish.
Texas	South Bay Protein Processors,	\$300,000	Processing seafood waste into pre-mix feed ingredient
Texas	Planter's Grain Cooperative	\$349,240	Texas Grain Sorghum producers emerging Mexican market.
Texas	CEA Farm Cooperative Steering Committee	\$40,000	Develop a network of controlled environmental agricultural greenhouses for hydroponic and organic vegetables.

**Virginia - \$38,930**

Virginia	Central Virginia Cattlemen Association	\$20,000	To conduct a Feasibility Study for interested livestock producers in the Central Virginia region to identify possible solutions that might address the limited availability of federally inspected meat slaughtering and processing facilities within the area.
Virginia	Margaret A. Morse	\$18,930	The primary goal of this project is to determine viable options to add value to lamb and wool produced in the Highland, Virginia area and map out strategies to implement the top options.

**Vermont - \$178,495**

Vermont	Agricultural Producers' Green Attributes Maximization Steering Committee	\$101,920	Evaluation of revenue potential from the sale of renewable energy green tags and greenhouse gas emissions reduction credits, independent of the sale of energy/electricity produced by the renewable energy project. Industry-wide national impact potential.
Vermont	John Putnam - dba Thistle Hill Farm	\$40,275	Develop a feasibility study, business and marketing plans for Tarentaise Cheese.
Vermont	Northeast Organic Farm Association of Vermont	\$36,300	Assess feasibility and formulate an operating plan for a 100% farmer/member owned enterprise that will coordinate, finance, develop, and implement a value added venture designed to juice locally owned.

**Washington - \$403,939**

Washington	Palouse Grain Growers, Inc.	\$24,955	The applicant proposes to complete a marketing feasibility study to assess the prospects of expanding current sales of value-added pearled barley in both domestic and international markets.
Washington	Columbia County Farm Bureau, Inc.	\$50,000	The applicant plans to complete a feasibility study and business plan to assess the economic potential of growing and processing oilseeds for oil production to be used in a biodiesel fuel oil.

Washington	Sequim Growers Cooperative	\$85,084	The newly formed cooperative will expand markets for lavender products and oils to increase product lines and income for producers using a product brand marketing technique.
Washington	Seafood Producers Cooperative	\$48,000	The applicant seeks funds to assist with identifying new value-added products with high potential and to develop a business plan to implement marketing strategies towards potential new buyers.
Washington	Fox Estate Winery	\$15,000	Processor Grade apples are juiced and fermented to create a wine product enhancing the value of lower grade fruit as well as fresh fruit.
Washington	WA Assoc. of Wheat Growers	\$180,900	Develop a Business and Marketing Plan for the 3730 PNW SoftWhite Wheat producers based on identify preservation systems as well as functional and end-use characteristics.
<b>Wisconsin - \$517,844</b>			
Wisconsin	Living Forest Cooperative	\$39,500	84 member producers will produce lumber & other wood products from the member-owned trees. Lumber & wood products will be certified as Forest Stewardship Council products and sold to higher volume accounts as an emerging market.
Wisconsin	Home Grown Wisconsin Cooperative	\$20,000	Coop whose members produce organic fruits and vegetables. Funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to explore the establishment of a facility to process and distribute the produce to up-scale restaurants and the institutional markets.
Wisconsin	Birmingham, Deirdre	\$8,344	Funds will be used toward the cost of a feasibility study leading to the development of the business, operations and marketing plans necessary to successfully produce and market hard (apple) cider in southern Wisconsin.
Wisconsin	United Wisconsin Grain Producers	\$450,000	A working capital grant for start-up costs of related to the 40-million gallon annual capacity corn ethanol production facility to be built in Friesland, Wisconsin.
<b>Wyoming - \$200,000</b>			
Wyoming	Mountain States Lamb Cooperative	\$200,000	Develop a market strategy for natural and organic lamb production. This includes development of standards, and a complete assessment of market and consumer marketing opportunities related to this.