

2009 Specialty Crop Block Grant Recipients

	Name of Participant	Brief Description of Program	Amount Awarded
1	Agroecosystems Management Program	Conduct a detailed survey of institutional food service needs which will identify opportunities to increase the use and consumption of fresh or value added specialty crops produced by Ohio growers. Will also identify barriers.	50,417.00
2	Food We Love Assoc.	Improve and expand the number of fresh, fresh cut and frozen products through market collaboration and processing expansion.	43,500.00
3	Innovative Farmers of Ohio	Develop a pumpkin seed most suitable for snacking similar to sunflowers or even peanuts using farmers experience in growing crops and OSU's knowledge of processing, evaluation and marketing.	33,670.00
4	Mid Ohio Foodbank	Intened to use ethnographic methodology to assist the Latino, Russian and Somali communities identify specialty crops they would consume if available year round.	36,307.00
5	Midwest Apple Foundation	Evaluate seedlings to select out 10-20 "winners" utilizing the expertise of growers and marketers.	56,400.00
6	Ohio Grape Industries Committee	Extension of the Ohio Wine TV program to include the production and dissemination of four additional regional videos. Will highlight unique characteristics of each region and its wineries. Will also highlight agritourism businesses.	28,000.00
7	Ohio Wine Producers Association	Hold Ohio wine industry regional meetings.	10,000.00
8	Ohio State University Research Foundation	Applied research and extension conducted to expand the bramble industry by resolving the persistent problem of weed control.	50,050.00
9	Ohio State University Research Foundation	Conduct marketing and field research to develop a RIBES fruit industry in Ohio. Will focus on evaluating currant and gooseberry varieties for location compatibility, disease and insect resistance, yield, fruit size and quality, storage, length of growing season and harvest timing.	47,600.00
10	Wooster Local Foods Coop, Inc.	Focuses on developing a novel online ordering system and central distribution location as part of a year-round market place to connect local producers of specialty crops with consumers.	59,929.00
11	<i>Eisc, Inc.</i>	<i>Develop training materials and make presentations throughtout Ohio to instruct urban gardeners and farmers in food safety.</i>	35,000.00
12	<i>Ohio Produce Growers and Marketers Association</i>	<i>Establish a multi-tiered food safety standard for Ohio fresh vegetable and fruit growers and handlers that is responsive the needs and personality of Ohio agriculture.</i>	40,000.00

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13	<i>Ohio Produce Growers and Marketers Association</i>	<i>Help Ohio produce growers avoid direct responsibility of food-borne health issues, minimize potential losses when they occur elsewhere and help Ohio growers and suppliers to maintain or to increase customer base among those requireing documented food safety practices.</i>	10,000.00
14	<i>Ohio State University Research Foundation</i>	<i>Apply research in support of scientific validation of Good Agricultural Practices to enhance safety and maintain marketability of Ohio produce.</i>	99,370.00
15	<i>Ohio State University Research Foundation</i>	<i>Continue education and support for Good Ag Practices certification associated with any Ohio Fresh Produce Marketing Agreement</i>	35,000.00
16	<i>Ohio State University Cooperative Development</i>	<i>Advance the long term economic viability and sustainability of Ohio's specialty crop industry by increasing the marketability of specialty crops through a marketing cooperative.</i>	35,000.00
17	<i>Ohio Department of Education</i>	<i>Increase child and adult knowledge and consumption of specialty crops in addition to opening up new markets for producers through Ohio schools.</i>	53,459.13

Italicized = Food Safety Projects