

2010 Specialty Crop Block

	Project Title	Project Description
1	Crossroads RC&D	Provide educational resources and events that can reach beekeepers of all levels.
2	Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy	Provide educational opportunities and technical assistance to increase producers' knowledge.
3	EISC, Inc.	Accelerate the development of local food systems in Ohio cities by connecting beginning farmers with grocery stores, produce distributors, and institutional purchasers of specialty crops.
4	Growhio	Improve Ohio's specialty crop industry through the execution of a specialty crop marketing plan that targets children and adults and supports local beginning and limited resource producers.
5	Ohio Grape Industries Committee	Create viable, income-producing grape related agribusinesses through the expansion of existing businesses.
6	Ohio Proud Program	Promote Ohio's specialty crops through co-op advertising, exposure to retail buyers, and other marketing activities.
7	OPGMA-Food Safety Education	Incorporate a food safety component to its annual meeting that will focus on the education of producers and consumers, the Marketing Agreement and offer updates on food safety issues.
8	OPGMA-Marketing Agreement	Develop a science-based food safety certification program that has the flexibility to accommodate different production methods and farm culture across Ohio.
9	OSU-Local Food Finder	Develop a user-friendly mobile website for local foods for consumers who depend on local food sources.
10	OSU-Reach New Markets	Improve the profitability of Ohio fruit and vegetable producers through offering training and technical assistance on marketing procedures necessary to become "retail ready" and "wholesale ready."
11	OSU-Reduce Food Deserts	Reduce the amount of food deserts in Ohio by providing seed grants to increase access to fresh produce.
12	OSU-Southern Coop	Develop an Ohio specialty crop cooperative on the basis of a previously completed feasibility study.
13	Route 9 Coop	Develop marketing materials, promotion of the cooperative's merchandise, and purchase of equipment to efficiently handle the increasing chestnut production of cooperative members.
14	Wilmington College	Create a mobile garden unit that can travel to local schools, youth centers, and child care facilities.