



Specialty crops are defined by law as...

“fruits & vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.”

- Specialty crops are plants that are intensively cultivated.
- Many plants are specialty crops when cultivated, but are also collected from wild populations.
- Wild plants are not considered specialty crops even though they may be used for the same purpose as cultivated plants.

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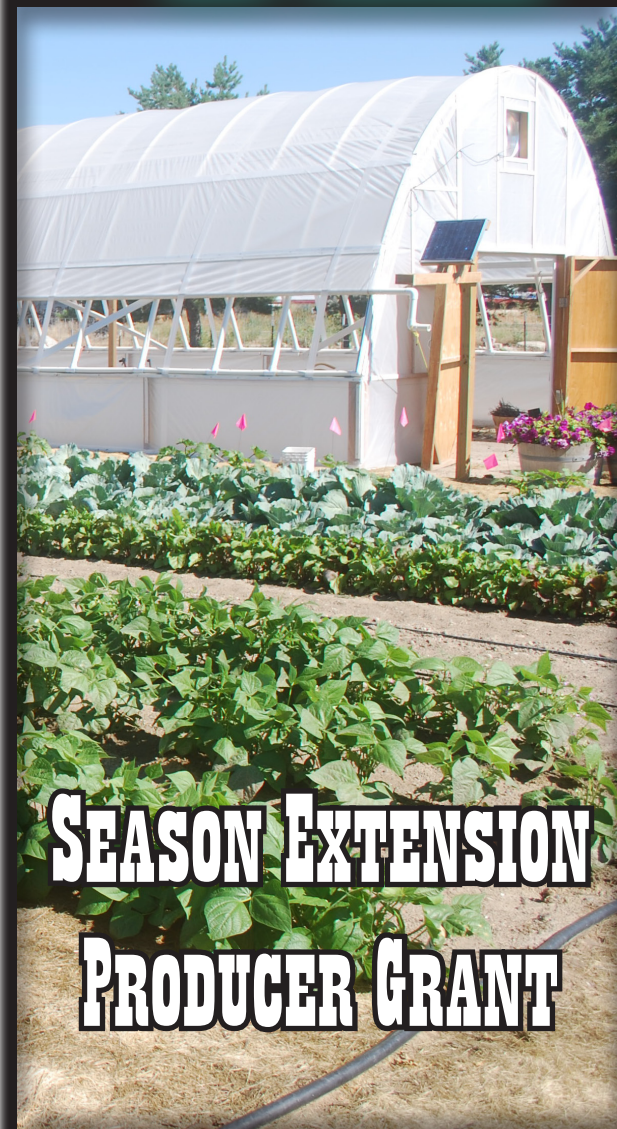
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WYOMING SPECIALTY CROP PROGRAM



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Purpose

Small grants will be awarded to specialty crop agribusiness operations to develop methods for season extension, increased productivity and native seed production. Eligible grants will also include water conservation methods.

Eligibility Requirements

Wyoming farmers/ranchers are eligible to apply for a Wyoming Specialty Crop High Tunnel Grant if they meet the following criteria:

1. **Be a private-sector Wyoming-based agricultural producers as defined by USDA.**
2. Demonstrate the producer is capable of capitalizing on methods that will enhance their specialty crop production through season extension, water conservation and native seed production.
3. Have received a recommendation from a local agricultural entity or individual that can vouch for their involvement in agricultural production.



Eligible expenditures are limited to material costs necessary to erect a high tunnel, equipment to develop drip irrigation system, seed/seed stock for production and enhancement of native seed plants.

Ineligible expenditures include travel (lodging, meals and mileage), and expenditures directly related to the operation of the business, such as salaries.

Award Limitations

This is a matching program. The total grant award is limited to 75% to a maximum of \$3500 of the actual eligible expenditures per year. The minimum amount of a grant is \$500. Each Agribusiness is limited to no more that \$7000 over the life of the season extension program.

Documentation:

The Farmer/rancher must complete and submit to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture the following forms for reimbursement:

1. Request for Reimbursement
2. Itemized Expenditure
3. Detailed Final Report on the grant by **September 30, 2016**

Copies of canceled checks (both sides), invoices, and other confirmation of payment must be submitted for reimbursement.

Application Process

Potential participants of the Wyoming Specialty Crop Grant Program must complete and return the application and the required attachments by **July 1, 2016**.

PLEASE NOTE:

Expenditures incurred without written or electronic confirmation from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture are not eligible for reimbursement. The application process cannot be started after the organization has purchased materials.

General Grant Information

The Wyoming Specialty Grant Program is a reimbursable grant. Therefore, the applicant must pay all expenditures before the grant award can be disbursed. The organization shall function independently in performing this activity and shall assume sole responsibility of any debts or liabilities that may be incurred in regard to this grant. The grant award cannot be assigned.

*****This program has a limited amount of funds. Money will be dispersed on a first come, first serve basis and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture reserves the right to deny applications that are not complete or otherwise deemed not eligible.*****

For more information and applications:

<http://agriculture@wy.gov>

