

# NSDA Funding Programs 2019-2020

PEGGY WEATHERBEE

MANAGER PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT

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# 2019 – 2020 Programs are Open

- ▶ Programs are open for application intake
  - ▶ Projects and activities under the program cannot start until April 1, 2019
- ▶ Read program guidelines
  - ▶ Ensure you know the deadlines
  - ▶ Ensure you know your obligations for funding
- ▶ Sign and return Letter of Agreement within 60 days
- ▶ Call us toll free and talk to a Program Administration officer

# Bee Biosecurity Program

- ▶ The objective of the Bee Biosecurity program is improve biosecurity measures by encouraging the use of best management practices
- ▶ Pest monitoring and elimination of accumulated pathogens and pesticide residues in wax combs is critical in improving honey bee health
- ▶ Application deadline is October 1, 2020.

# Bee Biosecurity Program

- ▶ Hive health:
  - ▶ Replacement of frames & foundations
    - ▶ 75% up to \$3 per frame, max \$5,000
    - ▶ Up to four times # of registered hives
- ▶ Pest monitoring:
  - ▶ Small hive beetle traps
    - ▶ 75%, up to \$2.25 per trap, max \$2,500
    - ▶ Up to two times # of registered hives
  - ▶ Varroa mite shakers
    - ▶ 75%, up to \$18/shaker
    - ▶ Up to one shaker per 20 registered hives

# Bee Biosecurity Program

- ▶ New this year – Disease Monitoring
  - ▶ VITA American Foulbrood Diagnostic Test Kit
    - ▶ 75% up to \$15 per kit, max \$2,000
    - ▶ Two test kits per 25 hives registered
- ▶ **A picture of destroyed frames must be submitted with claim**
- ▶ Claim deadline is October 31, 2019

## Other programs

- ▶ Advancing Innovative Technologies
- ▶ Business Advisory Services
- ▶ Market Expansion and Export Readiness
- ▶ Missions and Investigative Travel
- ▶ Soil and Water Sustainability
- ▶ Technologies for Value Added Agriculture

# Advancing Innovative Technologies

- ▶ Supports the adoption of new technologies, processes or specialized equipment
- ▶ Applications assessed on
  - ▶ Level of innovation
  - ▶ Degree of industry reach
  - ▶ Completeness of application
  - ▶ Economic impact
  - ▶ Government perspective of risk
- ▶ Proposal based with a Letter of Intent
- ▶ Yearly funding at 50% of costs to \$20,000

# Business Advisory Services

- ▶ Consultation services for types of business planning needs
  - ▶ business; marketing, feasibility
  - ▶ succession, food safety, farm safety
- ▶ 50% cost share up to \$10,000
- ▶ Funding for one type of plan once
  - ▶ exception for feasibility and marketing



# Market Expansion and Export Readiness

- ▶ Proposal based with a Letter of Intent
- ▶ Objective is to access new markets or expand markets both domestically and internationally
- ▶ Yearly funding at 50% of costs up to \$50,000
- ▶ Maximum of \$150,000 over CAP

# Missions and Investigative Travel

- ▶ Travel to develop a new market or investigate new technology
  - ▶ approvals based on business case
  - ▶ one trip per year
- ▶ Lump-sum payment depending on destination (one person only)
- ▶ Claim based on proof of travel, not invoices and proof of payment
  - ▶ plane ticket or hotel receipt with dates

# Soil and Water Sustainability

- ▶ Objective is to mitigate the environmental risk to farm operations
- ▶ Limited funding, approvals are risk based
- ▶ All projects will be funded at 25% of costs to the applicant's maximum
- ▶ Applicant's maximum funding is 10% of gross commodity sales to a maximum of \$15,000

# Technologies for Value-Added Agriculture

- ▶ Objective is to support plant modernization activities by
  - ▶ Enhancing efficiency or productivity
  - ▶ Installing energy efficient systems & technology
- ▶ Proposal based with a Letter of Intent
- ▶ Yearly funding at 50% of costs up to \$50,000/year
  - ▶ \$150,000 over CAP

# Small Farm Acceleration

- ▶ Support small farms as they grow into viable commercial operations
  - ▶ If growth targets not met, may not be funded for next year
- ▶ Open to farms with farm income up to \$60,000
  - ▶ Farms with income between \$30,000 and \$60,000 must relinquish eligibility to other programs
- ▶ Can choose to stay in program until reach \$100,000 of income or end of CAP

# Small Farm Acceleration

## ▶ PHASE 1

- ▶ Complete business plan (50% assistance up to \$2,500 available to hire a consultant or \$1,250 to do your own)
- ▶ Complete farm growth action plan
- ▶ Complete “Grow Your Farm Profit” online workshop

## ▶ PHASE 2

- ▶ **Stream 1- loan interest rebate up to \$5,000/year**
  - ▶ one loan/program year
  - ▶ any financial institution/equipment dealer
- ▶ **Stream 2- project grants**
  - ▶ 50% assistance up to \$5,000/year, \$25,000 over CAP
- ▶ **Stream 3- business advisory services (consultant services)**
  - ▶ 50% assistance up to \$2,500/year

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