

Farm Bill 2019 Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grants

Awardees

1. DON Enterprise a. Grant award: \$11,450.00

b. County: Lawrence

c. Education to farmers seeds for growing test acres of industrial hemp fiber varieties.

2. Penn State University a. Award: \$64,646.00

b. County: Centre

c. Identify best available fiber, seed, and CBD hemp varieties for PA production

3. DON Enterprise a. Award: \$ 75,000.00

b. County: Lawrence

c. Produce and test hempcrete for building materials.

4. Lehigh University a. Award: \$21,582.00

b. County: Northampton

c. Identify mechanical properties of hemp fibers and composites.

5. PA Farmers Union a. Award: \$60,000.0

b. County: Centre

c. Educate stakeholders and industry to improve growing, harvesting, processing and drying.

6. Penn State University a. Award: \$47,797.00

b. County: Centre

c. DNA barcoding to determine floral composition of honey.

7. Penn State University a. Award: \$39,922.00

b. County: Centre

c. Empower production of value-added hop pellets at the farm scale.

8. Shippensburg University a. Award: \$60,000.00

b. County: Cumberland

c. Develop course for small farmers to learn about planting, managing, harvesting, drying and distribution of hops used in the brewing industry.

9. Keystone Wood Products a. Award: \$12,500.00

b. County: Dauphin

c. Sponsorship of the forever forest exhibit at the Reading Public Museum.

10. Keystone Wood Products a. Award: \$20,000.00

b. County: Dauphin

c. Create consumer marketing display to promote PA hardwoods.

11. Pennsylvania SFI Committee a. Award: \$25,000.00

b. County: Centre

c. Provide education outreach to timber harvesters by supplying the logging workforce with information and resources to operate safely, professionally, sustainably in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements.

12. Northern Tier Hardwood Association a. Award: \$10,000.00

b. County: Bradford

c. Design and publish pictorial informational resource for loggers and foresters.

13. Allegheny Hardwood Group a. Award: \$25,102.00

b. County: Mckean

c. Enhance the competitiveness of black cherry and sugar maple by statistically analyzing the recent population explosion of sweet birch that threatens to displace specialty hardwoods.

14. Rodale a. Requested Amount: \$97,602.00

b. County: Berks

c. Evaluate industrial hemp varieties that are most suited to soil and climatic conditions in Pennsylvania and their potential to manage weeds and improve soil health in an organic reduced tillage management system.

15. Grounded Strategies a. Requested Amount: \$40,000.00

b. County: Braddock

c. Help to familiarize neighborhood residents with three of the crops eligible for funding under the specialty crop block grant program (Hops, Honey, and Hardwoods), as well as methods for their sustainable production within the urban fabric.