



FFA Growing Together



This project is being funded through a Specialty Crop Block Grant. The goal is to increase school's access to specialty food crops (i.e. fruits, vegetables, nuts, or herbs) and to foster a working relationship between FFA and School Food Service. To be eligible you must integrate three or more FFA-grown products into the school nutrition program. Support is required from the FFA Ag Instructor, the Food Service Director, and a School Administrator.

Five applications will be chosen to receive the following:

- \$1,500 paid to the school
 - \$500 for Ag Instructor's efforts to coordinate and manage project.
 - \$1000 for FFA student(s) efforts to maintain project.
- \$300 credit to Gardeners Supply Company for gardening supplies (plus a 25% discount).
- \$200 to the school for supplies needed by food service to process the specialty crops.

FFA Chapters must agree to:

- Work with Food Service Staff to determine which specialty crops can be integrated into the school's menu.
- Work with the Food Service Staff to establish a price for the products.
- Grow at least three different specialty crops to be served in school meals.
- In order to diversify the school's menu and expose students to new foods, at least one of the three crops grown by the FFA Chapter should be introduced as a new item on the school's menu.
 - For example, the FFA Chapter could provide winter squash if it has not been a regular item on the school's menu. Or, if broccoli has only been served steamed, the FFA Chapter could grow broccoli to be served as fresh broccoli florets on a salad bar.
- The project completion and performance report will be due November 1, 2020.
- Provide photos that document project activities such as growing specialty crops or of the meals being served.
 - The school is responsible for maintaining the necessary photo release form for anyone featured in photos as they may be used in promotional material.
- If an application is approved, a W9 will be required.

To apply, complete the attached forms and submit to Tammy Stotts

(Fax: 515-281-6178, Email: tammy.stotts@IowaAgriculture.gov)

Application deadline is December 1, 2019.

FFA Advisor/Ag Instructor: _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

Food Service Director: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

School Administrator & title: _____

Federal Identification #: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Name of school district: _____ Number of buildings in School District: _____

Please list any websites or social media pages your FFA Chapter uses:

Yes No

Has this FFA Chapter provided products to the school's nutrition program in the past?

Are you interested in selling products to other schools?

1) Provide general background on your program that will help us understand why your Chapter should be selected. (For example: how many students are in the FFA Chapter, describe the curriculum offered, fundraisers, or extracurricular activities the FFA chapter participates in.; 500 character limit)

2) Tell us if or how specialty crops have been included in the program. (For example, does the Chapter have a garden, high tunnel, or greenhouse? Describe any experience growing specialty crops or ornamental plants.; 300 character limit)

3) Describe how this project will increase your school's access to specialty crops and foster a working relationship between the FFA Chapter and School Food Service. (300 character limit)

4) If approved, describe how this FFA Chapter may expand its program through this initiative. (300 character limit)

5) Describe how this FFA Chapter will work with Food Service Staff to integrate three or more FFA-grown products (including one not regularly on the menu) into the school's nutrition program and establish prices. (500 character limit)

6) Support is required from the FFA Ag Instructor, the Food Service Director, and a School Administrator. Please describe how these parties will work collaboratively and what the student's role will be in this project. (500 character limit)

7) Has this FFA Chapter grown and sold specialty crops outside of its own school? If yes, describe what was sold, how it was used, and what price was paid. (300 character limit)

8) Describe the food safety plan that will be used for this initiative. Include the best practices that will be used, how the plan will be developed, and how students will be trained or educated. (300 character limit)

9) What types of garden supplies would be purchased with this initiative funding? (300 character limit)

10) What other resources would be beneficial to support FFA's selling to schools in the future? (300 character limit)

By signing here you authorize the school to participate in this “FFA-Growing Together” initiative and are confirming support from all required parties.

Printed name of authorized school representative

Title

Signature

Date

If you have any questions regarding this funding contact Tammy Stotts

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