FY 1999 FSMIP Projects

Total Funding: $1,200,000
Average Grant: $48,000
25 Projects in 20 States

Alabama - $48,000 to provide training and technical assistance for small, limited-resource farmers as they used improved technology for fruit and vegetable production.

Alaska - $49,870 to assist farmers in marketing Alaska vegetables and potatoes.

California - $50,000 to identify alternative market opportunities for wild salmon and to develop innovative marketing strategies for small, independent fishermen and dockside seafood buyers.

Colorado - $32,000 to study potential growth of the “natural/organic” meat industry.

Connecticut - $75,000 to evaluate innovative technologies for packing, shipping, and marketing fresh apples in domestic and international markets.

Florida - $57,000 to investigate the market for fresh and frozen shrimp products and to identify direct marketing alternatives for shrimp grown on small farms.

Idaho - $24,989 to identify alternative market opportunities for forages and the feasibility of establishing hay marketing associations or cooperatives.

Illinois - $80,000 to develop a system for collecting and distributing information on the compositional characteristics of corn and soybeans products, and the associated price differentials.

Kentucky - $90,000 to research and establish new meat processing and marketing systems geared to family farms.

Maine - $42,000 to establish a database of market information for producers and buyers of Maine agricultural products and to develop alternative mechanisms to exchange market information.

Massachusetts - $45,500 to devise data collection methods and market performance measures to improve market planning among small New England farms.

Massachusetts - $20,250 to assess consumer demand for locally produced foods and specialty products through development of an indoor farmers market in Boston.

Massachusetts - $23,214 to conduct a variety of outreach and educational programs for producers and buyers under the "Berkshire Grown" marketing initiative.

Minnesota - $45,000 to develop educational materials that explain organic farming and provide for better informed consumer food choices.

New Hampshire - $34,375 to explore and develop buyer-producer connections in the Connecticut River Valley, building on its designation as an American Heritage Riverway.

New Jersey - $43,131 to evaluate potential direct marketing opportunities and impediments in connection with farm-based educational and recreational activities.

New York - $42,000 to develop a system which allows food stamp recipients to use part of their electronic benefits transfer allowances to shop at open-air farmers markets.

New York - $42,500 to assist small farms in Central New York in marketing specialty meat and poultry products, including the establishment of a producers’ marketing association.

Oregon - $63,000 to monitor and evaluate current caneberry nutraceutical and health-related research and identify opportunities for product development.

Pennsylvania - $75,000 to demonstrate and evaluate market potential for non-regulatory, consumer-funded incentives for farmers to offset the cost of adopting or continuing the use of environmentally-sensitive production practices.

Tennessee - $37,000 to identify and develop ways to reduce barriers that confront small-volume producers of fresh produce and processed foods in the food distribution system.

Tennessee - $75,000 to prepare case studies, conduct market research, and assist limited resource farmers and agribusinesses in marketing value-added agricultural products.

Vermont - $28,000 to develop an infrastructure for collecting and marketing high quality genetics for sheep and goats in domestic and international markets.

Washington - $38,031 to assess consumers’ willingness to pay for “sustainable” agricultural food products and evaluate market opportunities for producers.

Washington - $39,000 to assist the Washington State Farmers Market Association in expanding services to the growing number of markets in the state and to the farmers who supply them.