

# Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection: Application period open for specialty crop multi-state grant program

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting proposals for the [2017 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program](#). A federal grant program offered by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, the purpose of the SCMP is to competitively award funds to projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops by funding collaborative, multi-state projects that address regional or national level specialty crop issues, including food safety, plant pests and disease, research; crop-specific projects addressing common issues; and marketing and promotion.

Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). Review the [2017SCMP Request for Applications](#) for detailed application instructions.

Grant awards will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million per project and projects may last for up to three years. Specialty crop producer associations and groups, state government agencies, Tribal government entities, universities, nonprofits, and other

stakeholder organizations are all eligible to apply. All SCMP proposals must include at least two partners (referred to as “multi-state partners”) with substantive involvement in the project, and the multi-state partners must be located in two different states to qualify for the program.

The deadline to submit SCMP proposals to Wisconsin is 4:00 p.m. CST on September 25, 2017. Proposals must be submitted electronically to [juli.speck@wi.gov](mailto:juli.speck@wi.gov). Questions regarding the SCMP should be emailed to [juli.speck@wi.gov](mailto:juli.speck@wi.gov)

More information about the Specialty Crop program is available on DATCP’s website at [https://datcp-auth-prod.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/SpecialtyCrops.aspx](https://datcp-auth-prod.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/SpecialtyCrops.aspx)