

Kentucky Department of Agriculture
FY2010

Amount Awarded: \$273,262.60 **Number of Projects:** 7

- Partner with Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association to allow Kentucky growers the opportunity to market products at a local, regional, and national marketplace as well as receive expert advice from the education conference
- Partner with University of Kentucky to create and disseminate recipe cards focusing on specialty crops for producers to use at farmers markets to help market their crops
- Partner with University of Kentucky to assess the effectiveness of organically-certified techniques and materials on the post-harvest cold storage life of the fruit over three years
- Partner with University of Kentucky to construct high tunnels in efforts to obtain important data on crop rotations that enhance food security and develop low input fertility regimes that enhance soil and environmental quality
- Partner with University of Kentucky to help farmers diversify their crops by running trials on persimmon suitability in the state
- Partner with University of Kentucky to investigate asparagus production possibilities to help farmers produce an early crop and diversify their enterprise
- Perform pre-award and post-award activities in order to administrate the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funding and ensure that the State Agency and sub-awardees abide by Federal and State requirements and regulations