

Grants Panel

- 1) Different types of grants
- 2) What's open now and what's in the pipeline?
- 3) Tips on applying
- 4) Grant Success stories



A grant does not have to be repaid, as long as the terms of the award are fulfilled.

A match may be required.



Smaller grants:

<https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/grants> livestock

grants for humane practices

farmvetco.org/fvfellowship/ just closed—opens in

January

ambergrantsforwomen.com/get-an-amber-grant/

monthly



PA Grants from Ag/DCED

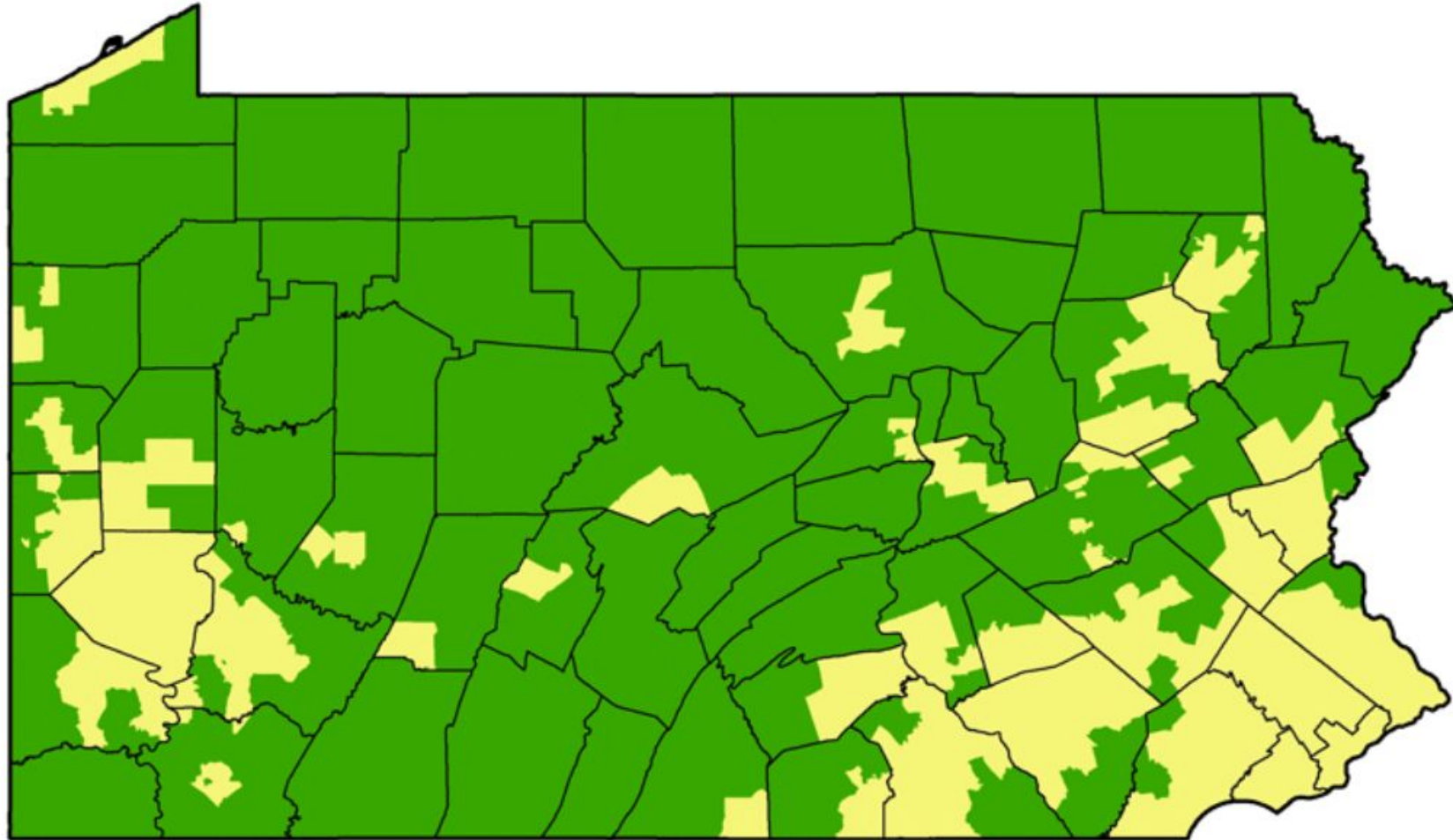
Single Application

- Fresh Food Financing (Past)
- Small Meat Producer (Future)
- Urban Ag (Opened yesterday)
 - Microgrants to \$2500 with 50% match
 - Collaboration grants to \$50,000, not to exceed 50% of project costs.





Rural Pennsylvania School Districts



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Urban Rural

<https://www.rural.palegislature.us/ruralschooldistricts.html>

https://www.rural.palegislature.us/rural_urban.html

USDA REAP

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

Guaranteed loan financing & **grant funding**

Ag producers and rural small businesses **Renewable energy systems** or to make **energy efficiency improvements**.

Agricultural producers may also apply for **new** energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

- Agricultural producers with at least 50 percent of their gross income coming from agricultural operations.
- Small businesses in eligible rural areas.

Due March 31st, 2021

and....



USDA Rural Development--Value Added Producer Grants
rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants

Resources troopstotractors.org/vapg

1st round in 2021 due March 16. Will likely be a 2nd round with a lower required match (Covid \$)



Tips on applying:

Read

- a. eligible applicant/project
- b. program intent

Follow directions

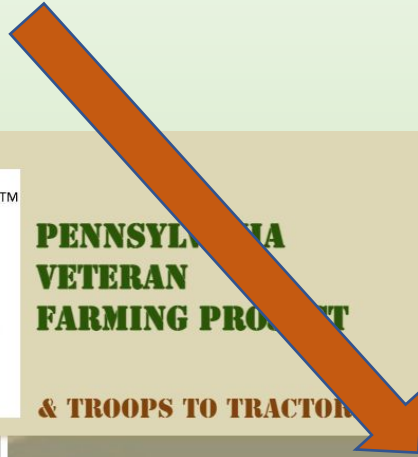
- c. Be concise, only attached what's asked for
- d. Show and tell

Write for the reader

Be Cinderella, not her stepsisters



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We've updated our *Grants at a Glance* factsheet [here](#).

Financing/Loans

Highly recommended for start-ups: Engage with the [PA Small Business Development Center](#) Agriculture Center of Excellence. Before you approach any lender or apply for any grant you need a **business plan including a marketing plan**. Consultation us FREE and individualized, and provided by consultants with ag business experience. Get help with your business plan and finding lenders, market research and industry trends, improving your

USDA 2021 Rural Development [Value Added Producer](#) grants

Register for the free Feb. 3rd [VAPG workshop](#), 1000-1100

Examples of Value Added products: fruits made into pies or jams, meats made into jerky, tomatoes and peppers made into salsa

VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT WEB WORKSHOP
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 1000-1100
With Karen Kuhns, State Program Manager, USDA Rural Development



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