

Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) Program Participants

All participants received business planning, financial assistance, and other technical assistance as needed (such as mentoring, bookkeeping, or marketing assistance) before beginning their MEGA projects. Grant capital improvements are reimbursable upon completion up to the grant amount listed below.

Fiscal Year 2023

Johnny Putt Farm, Littleton - \$7,252 - to purchase and install a walk-in cooler, packing table, and sink to increase production and storage capacity.

Nallie Pastures, Dracut - \$10,000 - to purchase a mower, trailer, and freezers for their pastured poultry operation.

Golden Hour Farms, Berkley - \$10,000 - to purchase a utility box truck with vinyl wrap to increase trucking capacity for supply sourcing, product delivery, and mobile advertising for their pick-your-own tulip and wholesale greenhouse plant operations.

Peterson Farm/Ewetopia LLC, Falmouth - \$10,000 - to purchase a tractor with forks to increase pasture production, improve labor efficiency and reduce feed expenses.

Central Farm & Garage, Plainfield - \$10,000 - to purchase hay production equipment to improve operational efficiency and increase farm profitability.

Fiscal Year 2022

Small Farm Inc, Stow - \$6,238 – to purchase farm equipment, farm stand improvements, and high tunnel production equipment to increase production, improve labor efficiency and enhance retail facilities.

Bell Brook Farm LLC, West Brookfield - \$7,550 – to construct a cooler platform, purchase a cooler box and shelving to increase production and storage capacity.

Dintino Farms, Oxford - \$10,000 – to purchase a twin rotor rake to improve efficiency of baling hay to increase production and revenue.

Hannan Healthy Foods - \$10,000 – to purchase and install greenhouse and cold frame, deer fencing, produce washing station; purchase farm equipment and retail processing systems to increase production, protect crops, improve yields and efficiency, and enhance retail handling.

Many Graces LLC - \$10,000 – to purchase a tractor and implements (plow, harrow, brush hog, and broadcast seeder) to improve production efficiency and reduce manual labor.

Maplebrook Farmstead - \$10,000 – to purchase chicken coops, poultry housing supplies, and a shipping container to be used an egg processing facility to increase production and improve operation efficiencies.

Nantucket Sound Shellfish Company - \$8,725 – to purchase a shellfish tumbler to improve labor efficiency and enhance food safety in the oyster handling process.

Fiscal Year 2021

Berniche Family Farm, Chesterfield - \$10,000 – to purchase a tractor for increased operation efficiency.

Undine Oyster Company, LLC, Plymouth - \$10,000 – to purchase a floating workstation to improve efficiencies in sorting oysters.

Grindstone Mountain Inc, Southampton - \$7,574 – to purchase and install livestock fencing to expand livestock enterprise for meat production.

Happy Goats Farm, Holliston - \$9,848 – to construct a barn addition and purchase a dump trailer and nesting boxes to increase storage and livestock production capacity.

Rooted Flowers LLC, Agawam - \$6,366 – to install a well, to purchase and install a well pump and to purchase materials for an irrigation system to increase crop yields and improve labor efficiencies.

High Road Farm, West Newbury - \$7,177 – to purchase walk-behind tractor, walk-behind cultivator, undercut bar, basket weeder, harrow discs, perfecta, and forks to increase operational efficiencies for increased production and revenue.

Truro Oyster Works, Truro - \$4,782 – to purchase cages, bags, ATV hauler, trailer, and anchoring system for increased capacity and efficiency of oyster operation.

Harvard Alpaca Ranch, Inc, Harvard - \$10,000 – to construct a barn to increase retail sales and housing to expand alpaca herd.