Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) Program Participants

All participants received business planning and other technical assistance (such as financial assistance, succession planning, or marketing assistance) before beginning their MEGA projects. Grants for capital improvements are reimbursable upon project completion.

Fiscal Year 2024

<u>Husselton Head Oysters, Vineyard Haven - \$10,000</u> – to purchase floating cages to improve labor efficiency and product quality.

<u>Blue Stem Natives, Norwell - \$10,000</u> – to purchase a pot filling machine and a forklift to improve labor efficiency and increase production.

<u>Sibling Organic Crops, Lakeville - \$10,000</u> – to purchase a tractor to reduce costs and increase production.

<u>Mills River Cranberry Co., Marston Mills - \$30,000</u> – to purchase cranberry harvest and maintenance equipment to improve operating efficiency.

<u>Martino's Seafood, LLC, Vineyard Haven - \$15,350</u> – to purchase an outboard motor and winch system for their workboat and to purchase a cooler for the wholesale facility to improve labor efficiency, minimize repairs and increase capacity.

<u>Sage Farm, Bernardston - \$20,000</u> – to purchase and install an insulated utility room with water and electric service, and animal waterers to improve labor efficiency, water quality, and livestock housing conditions.

<u>Revival Farm, Plympton - \$20,000</u> – to purchase a bulk grain feeder and auger, tractor with implements and trailer for the tractor to increase production capacity and improve labor efficiency.

Fiscal Year 2023

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

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

<u>Golden Hour Farms, Berkley - \$10,000</u> - 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.

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

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

Fiscal Year 2022

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

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

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

<u>Hannan Healthy Foods - \$10,000</u> – 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.

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

<u>Maplebrook Farmstead - \$10,000</u> – 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.

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