Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) Program Participants

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

Fiscal Year 2025

<u>Colrain-Line Family Farm, Colrain - \$18,750</u> – to purchase a skid steer, wood processor, grapple bucket, round bale grabber, and winch to reduce costs, increase production, and improve efficiencies.

<u>Emily's Shellfish Company, Brewster - \$22,210</u> – to purchase a farm truck and large fisherman's cooler to increase production capacity, reliability, and efficiency.

<u>Gwydyr Farm, Southampton - \$7,950</u> – to purchase a bale wrapper, bale grapple, and bale hauler to increase hay production.

<u>Iron Ox Farm, South Hamilton - \$20,000</u> – to purchase a tractor to increase production and improve efficiency.

<u>Old Earth Orchards, East Taunton - \$30,000</u> – to purchase a tractor, sprayer, and Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) to increase efficiency and manage increasing production.

<u>Rattleroot Farm, Princeton - \$10,000</u> – to purchase a tractor to expand production and operate efficiently.

<u>Tip Top Orchard, Charlemont - \$10,000</u> – to purchase a tractor to expand production.

<u>Wauban Farm, Ashfield - \$30,000</u> – to purchase a round baler, cattle handling equipment, and drag harrows to increase the number of potential customers for hay and improve efficiency, improve safety and management for cattle handling, and improve pasture productivity.

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.