



2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant Scoring Sheet

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

- ____/5 Budget is reasonable and only includes necessary costs
- ____/5 Objectives are specific, measurable, achievable, and aligned with overall goals of the project
- ____/10 Project demonstrates potential for long-term sustainability after grant funding ends
- ____/20 Project includes a clearly identified problem, and sufficient details on how the project will address the stated problem (15 points). An extra 5 points will be awarded for a novel approach or an innovative solution.
- ____/20 Project strongly relates to the following funding priorities (additional weight will be given to projects addressing higher priority areas or multiple priority areas):
1. Strengthening the supply chain (including aggregation, distribution, storage, processing, and developing food hubs) (up to 18 points)
 2. Improving market access (including marketing, consumer education, and developing local, international, and institutional markets) (up to 16 points)
 3. Research and development (including developing new seed or plant varieties, pest & disease management, and conservation practices) (up to 14 points)
 4. Producer education and workforce development (up to 12 points)
 5. Enhancing food safety and regulatory compliance (up to 10 points)
- ____/20 Project impact on specialty crop industry as a whole

____/80 Points possible