



2026 Specialty Crop Block Grant Scoring Sheet

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

- ____/5 Objectives are measurable and aligned with overall goals of the project
- ____/10 Does the budget directly support the activities in the grant application?
- ____/10 Is the cost per beneficiary reasonable?
- ____/15 Is the data collection plan sufficient, realistic, and achievable?
- ____/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 includes a clearly identified issue, problem, or need, and sufficient details on how the project will address the stated issue, problem, or need.
- ____/20 Project demonstrates how it will increase the competitiveness of Utah grown specialty crops

____/100 Points possible