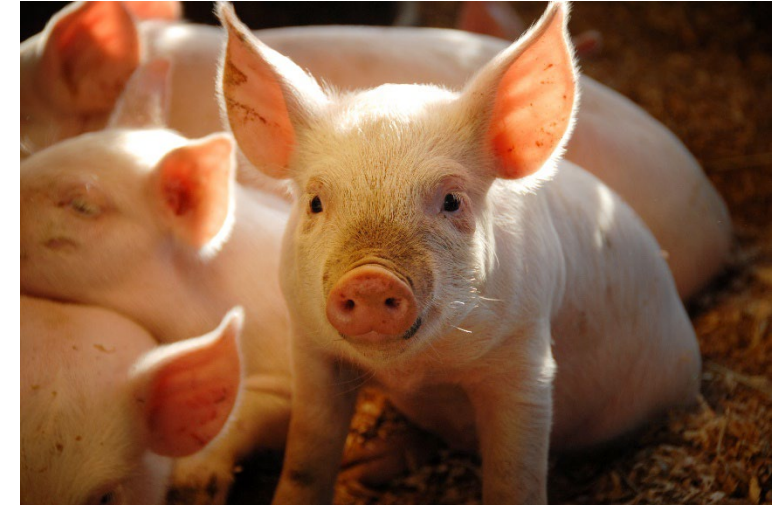




Maple



Produce



Meat

AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (ADG) OVERVIEW & OUTCOMES

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FY24 Agriculture Development Grants – In Summary

| Industry | Total Ask (Avg Ask) | # of Apps | Total Award | # of Projects | Project Range | Key Themes |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| Produce | \$11,037,981 (\$147,173) | 76 | \$1,055,095 | 7 | \$36,544 - \$269,500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash/Pack • Value-added processing capacity • Storage capacity • Tunnel/greenhouse infrastructure • Production capacity |
| Meat (Producer) | \$11,149,273 (\$152,729) | 73 | \$118,791 | 3 | \$31,249 – \$44,032 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal housing/handling (e.g. trailers, handling systems) • Freezer/cooler capacity • Equipment upgrades • Fencing/pasture infrastructure • On-farm processing expansion |
| Meat (Processor) | \$3,676,726 (\$153,196) | 23 | \$458,759 | 3 | \$52,364 - \$247,519 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded processing • Expanded freezers/coolers • Added processing capacity • Specialty processing (e.g. smokers, hot dogs) |
| Maple | \$17,867,529 (\$53,817) | 331 | \$542,354 | 12 | \$17,962 - \$100,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing upgrades (e.g. evaporators, ROs) • Increased storage capacity • Production monitoring/efficiency • Production expansion • Infrastructure improvements (e.g. roads, buildings) |
| Total | \$43.7 million | 503 | \$2.1 million | 25 | - | - |

FY24 Agriculture Development Grants – Selected Outcomes

Bourdon Maple

45% improvement in vacuum pump efficiency

Whole-farm energy use dropped by **16%**, despite processing 40% more more sap

5th Quarter

5.5x increase in wholesale

73% increase in retail

4x increasing in co-packing

Hired **2** new positions

Dalestead Farm & Maple

29% improvement in boiling efficiency

74% drop in fuel use, and **24%** reduction in RO power draw

Brault's Market

27% less wasted product

30% improvement in packing efficiency

Bluehouse Mushroom

Sales rose **147%** since grant (\$91 to \$225K)

Foxglove Farm

Increased gallons of sap/hour by over **42%**, cutting boiling time in half

68% reduction in wood use

FY24 Agriculture Development Grants – Applications

| Sector | FY24 Allocation | FY24 Funding Requests | Percentage of \$ Amount Funded | (# of Projects) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Produce | \$1.6 million | \$11 million | 9.5% | 7 |
| Meat Production | | \$11.2 million | 1% | 3 |
| Meat Processing | | \$3.7 million | 12% | 3 |
| Maple | \$543,000 | \$18.1 million | 3% | 12 |
| Total | \$2.1 million | \$44 million | 4.7% | 25 |