

Cost Share / Grant Opportunity

Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives: Dairy Farm Business Grants

The Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative (SDBII) is a Tennessee based program that has expanded, with support from USDA AMS, to offer grants focused on value-added dairy businesses in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico. The program provides subawards to current and prospective value-added dairy businesses across the Southeast.

The grant application period is now open for two new grant opportunities through SDBII.

- Farm Infrastructure Improvement (\$100,000 max award)
More Information: tiny.utk.edu/precision-technology-grant.
- Precision Technology Investment (\$200,000 max award)
More Information: tiny.utk.edu/precision-technology-grant.

Application Deadline for both: 5:00 pm/ET, Friday, June 2, 2023

Applicants may apply to *either* the Precision Technology and Management Grant *or* the Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant in a calendar year, but not both.

*All grants require a 25% cost share investment from the producer.

Read the Request for Proposal IN FULL before starting your application.

Those considering applying for an SDBII grant should start the process of obtaining a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as soon as possible. Award recipients will be required to provide a UEI before the grant contract can be executed. Wait times are currently several weeks long. Register at SAM.GOV.



Virginia producers are encouraged to work with their VCE Area Dairy Agents to plan and prepare the grant applications.

Watch for an Upcoming Informational Zoom Call

A recording will be made available for those unable to attend.

For grant application downloads, details, examples of eligible projects, writing tips, and more visit: <https://valueaddedairy.tennessee.edu/sdbii/>

