

## 2007 Farm Viability Grants

Recipient	Award	Purpose
Rhode Island Farm Bureau <b>Johnston</b> Contact: Al Bettencourt 647-3570	\$10,000	To develop a "buy local" radio advertising campaign.
Kids First Rhode Island <b>Providence</b> Contact: Dorothy Brayley 751-4503	\$15,000	To further development of statewide Farm to School program, increasing the amount of locally grown, fresh produce offered in Rhode Island schools.
Farm Fresh Rhode Island <b>Providence</b> Contact: Noah Fulmer 863-6509	\$13,000	To enhance breadth of information in the group's database by collecting current specialty crop farm data from more Rhode Island farms and survey farms' delivery routes.
URI Cooperative Extension <b>South Kingstown</b> Contact: Ernest Morreira 874-4280	\$7,000	To install field trials of new squash varieties that will be marketable to the ethnically diverse clientele of urban farmers' markets.
RI Center for Agricultural Promotion and Education <b>Little Compton</b> Contact: Stu Nunnery 592-0209	\$9,000	To develop a series of training and development programs for specialty crop farmers interested or engaged in agri-tourism and/or alternative enterprises and to conduct marketing initiative to promote Rhode Island's farms.
RI Nursery and Landscape Association <b>Seekonk, MA</b> Contact: Ken Lagerquist 800-758-9260	\$11,417	To upgrade and expand the association's website to increase public use and awareness of specialty crops, particularly nursery crops, grown in Rhode Island.
Trails End Farm <b>Richmond</b> Contact: Mark Robar 539-0434	\$6,000	To study increased specialty crop yields through the use of local bee colonies by investigating the feasibility of using a modified greenhouse as an apiary house to over-winter and propagate bee colonies in New England.