



2016 SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM List of Eligible Commodities

The list below is not intended to be all-inclusive, but rather to provide examples of the most common specialty crops.

Fruits and Tree Nuts		
Almond	Cranberry	Passion fruit
Apple	Currant	Peach
Apricot	Date	Pear
Avocado	Feijou	Pecan
Banana	Fig	Persimmon
Blackberry	Filbert (hazelnut)	Pineapple
Blueberry	Gooseberry	Pistachio
Breadfruit	Grape (including raisin)	Plum (including prune)
Cacao	Guava	Pomegranate
Cashew	Kiwi	Quince
Citrus	Litchi	Raspberry
Cherimoya	Macadamia	Strawberry
Cherry	Mango	Suriname cherry
Chestnut (for nuts)	Nectarine	Walnut
Coconut	Olive	
Coffee	Papaya	

Vegetables		
Artichoke	Endive	Potato
Asparagus	Garlic	Pumpkin
Bean (snap, green, lima, dry)	Horseradish	Radish (all types)
Beet, table	Kohlrabi	Rhubarb
Broccoli (including broccoli raab)	Leek	Rutabaga
Brussels sprout	Lentil	Salsify
Cabbage (including Chinese)	Lettuce	Spinach
Carrot	Melon (all types)	Squash (summer and winter)
Cauliflower	Mushroom (cultivated)	Sweet corn
Celeriac	Mustard and other greens	Sweet potato
Celery	Okra	Swiss chard
Chickpea (large and small)	Onion	Taro
Chive	Opuntia	Tomato (including tomatillo)
Collard (including kale)	Parsley	Turnip
Cucumber	Parsnip	Watermelon
Edamame	Pea (garden, English, edible pod)	
Eggplant	Pepper	



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Culinary Herbs and Spices		
Ajwain	Cinnamon	Mace
Allspice	Clary	Mahlab
Angelica	Cloves	Malabathrum
Anise	Comfrey	Marjoram
Annatto	Common rue	Mint (all types)
Artemisia (all types)	Coriander	Nutmeg
Asafetida	Cress	Oregano
Basil (all types)	Cumin	Orris root
Bay (cultivated)	Curry	Paprika
Bladder wrack	Dill	Parsley
Bolivian coriander	Fennel	Pepper
Borage	Fenugreek	Rocket (arugula)
Calendula	Filé (gumbo, cultivated)	Rosemary
Chamomile	Fingerroot	Rue
Candle nut	French sorrel	Saffron
Caper	Galangal	Sage (all types)
Caraway	Ginger	Savory (all types)
Cardamom	Hops	Tarragon
Cassia	Horehound	Thyme
Catnip	Hyssop	Turmeric
Chervil	Lavender	Vanilla
Chicory	Lemon balm	Wasabi
Cicely	Lemon thyme	Water cress
Cilantro	Lovage	

Medicinal Herbs		
Artemisia	Goldenseal	Senna
Arum	Gypsywort	Skullcap
Astragalus	Horehound	Sonchus
Boldo	Horsetail	Sorrel
Cananga	Lavender	Stevia
Comfrey	Liquorice	Tansy
Coneflower	Marshmallow	Urtica
Fenugreek	Mullein	Witch hazel
Feverfew	Passion flower	Wood betony
Foxglove	Patchouli	Wormwood
Ginkgo biloba	Pennyroyal	Yarrow
Ginseng	Pokeweed	Yerba buena
Goat's rue	St. John's Wort	



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Floriculture and Nursery Crops

Annual Bedding Plants	
Begonia	Marigold
Coleus	Pansy
Dahlia	Petunia
Geranium	Snapdragon
Impatiens	Vegetable Transplants

Deciduous Flowering Trees	
Crabapple	Flowering Plum
Crepe Myrtle	Hawthorn
Dogwood	Magnolia
Flowering Cherry	Redbud
Flowering Pear	Service Berry

Deciduous Shade Trees	
Ash	Oak
Elm	Poplar
Honey Locust	Sweetgum
Linden	Sycamore
Maple	

Cut Flowers	
Carnation	Lily
Chrysanthemum	Orchid
Delphinium	Rose
Gladiolus	Snapdragon
Iris	Tulip

Broadleaf Evergreens	
Azalea	Holly
Boxwood	Pieris
Cotoneaster	Rhododendron
Euonymus	Viburnum

Deciduous Shrubs	
Barberry	Rose
Bubbleia	Spirea
Hibiscus	Viburnum
Hydrangea	Weigela

Landscape Conifers	
Aborvitae	Juniper
Chamaecyparis	Pine
Fir	Spruce
Hemlock	Yew

Christmas Trees	
Balsam Fir	Living Christmas Tree
Blue Spruce	Noble Fir
Douglas Fir	Scots Pine
Fraser Fir	White Pine

Horticulture	
Honey	Tea Leaves
Hops	Turfgrass
Maple Syrup	

Cut Cultivated Greens	
Asparagus Fern	Holly
Coniferous Evergreens	Leatherleaf Fern
Eucalyptus	Pittosporum

Potted Herbaceous Perennials	
Astilbe	Hosta
Columbine	Ivy
Coreopsis	Ornamental Grasses
Daylily	Peony
Delphinium	Phlox
Dianthus	Rudbeckia
Garden Chrysanthemum	Salvia
Heuchera	Vinca

Fruit and Nut Plants	
Berry Plants	Deciduous Fruit Trees
Citrus Trees	Deciduous Nut Trees
Grapevines	

Foliage Plants	
Anthurium	Ficus
Bromeliad	Ivy
Cacti	Palm
Dieffenbachia	Philodendron
Dracaena	Spathiphyllum
Fern	

Propagative Materials	
Bare-Root Divisions	Plug Seedlings
Cuttings	Prefinished Plants
Liners	Tissue-Cultured Plantlets

Potted Flowering Plants	
African Violet	Lily
Azalea	Orchid
Florist Chrysanthemum	Poinsettia
Flowering Bulbs	Rose
Hydrangea	



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List of Ineligible Commodities

The list below is not intended to be all-inclusive, but to provide guidance based on previous inquiries.

Field and Grain Crops	
Amaranth for grain	Peanuts
Barley	Proso millet
Buckwheat	Quinoa
Corn (pod, dent, field, flint, flower, waxy, white, amylomaize, and striped maize)	Rice (including wild)
	Rye
	Sorghum
	Sugar beet
Cotton	Sugarcane
Cotton	Tobacco
Grain sorghum	Triticale
Oats	Wheat

Other Commodities	
Dairy products	Primrose
Eggs	Fish/Shellfish
Livestock products	(marine or freshwater)

Oil Seed Crops (including oil and non-oil cultivars)	
Camelina	Peanut
Canola	Rapeseed
Cottonseed	Safflower (meal or oil)
Crambe	Sesame
Flax (Flaxseed)	Soybean (bean, oil, tofu)
Linseed	Sunflower seed (oil)
Mustard seed	

Forage Crops	
Alfalfa	Millet
Clover	Range grasses
Hay	

Fiber Crops	
Cotton	Hemp
Flax	

Wild Plants

- Wild plants are not considered specialty crops by USDA.
- However, naturally occurring populations of plants in “wild areas” that are brought into cultivation (meaning managed, monitored and documented in some way to ensure long-term, sustainable production) can be considered specialty crops.
- For example, natural populations of native plants that are brought into cultivation, such as sugar maple trees, pecans, blueberry, huckleberry and cranberry are considered specialty crops by USDA.

Crops with Multiple Uses

- Some cultivated plants have multiple uses that can effect whether they are considered specialty crops.
- For example, amaranth may be grown as a leafy green or as a grain. Leafy greens are vegetables; therefore, amaranth grown as a leafy green would be considered a specialty crop. However, amaranth grown for grain would not be considered a specialty crop because grains are not specialty crops.