State of California California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Grants Administration **Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (2022-Present) – Progress Report** Form 2.6.2. (Rev. 03.2023)

Project Information

| CDFA Grant Number: | |
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| Organization Name: | |
| Contact Name: | |
| Contact Email: | |

Reporting Period

| Report Start Date: | |
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| Report End Date: | |

Project Completion

Estimate the total percentage (%) of work completed on this project.

Objectives

List each Objective identified in the approved Scope of Work in the boxes below. (Do not enter the activities identified in the Work Plan; this section is only for the specific Objectives identified in the Scope of Work). Select the appropriate box to indicate if each Objective is in progress or has been completed. (1,800 characters)

Objective 1: In Progress Complete

Objective 2: In Progress Complete

| Objective 3: | In Progress | Complete |
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| Objective 4: | In Progress | Complete |
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| Objective 7: | In Progress | Complete |
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Objective 8: In Progress Complete

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Objective 9: In Progress
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Outcome and Indicator Results to Date

Select each Outcome and Indicator identified in the approved scope of work. Fill in the blanks for the selected Outcomes and Indicators with the quantifiable results from the start of the project through the end of this reporting period.

| Outcome 1: Increasing Consumption and Consumer Purchasing of Specialty Crops | | |
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| Indicator 1.1: Total number of consumers who gained knowledge about | | |
| specialty crops | | |
| 1.1a Adults: | | |
| 1.1b Children: | | |
| Indicator 1.2: Total number of consumers who consumed more specialty | | |
| crops | | |
| 1.2a Adults: | | |
| 1.2b Children: | | |
| Indicator 1.3: Number of additional specialty crop customers | | |
| counted | | |
| Indicator 1.4: Number of additional business transactions executed | | |
| Indicator 1.5: Increased sales measured in: | | |
| 1.5a Dollars \$ | | |
| 1.5b Percent change%. | | |
| 1.5c Combination of volume and average price as a result of enhanced | | |
| marketing activities. | | |
| Volume: Average Price: \$ | | |

| Outcome 2: Increasing Access to Specialty Crops and Expanding Specialty Crop Production and Distribution | |
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| Indicator 2.1: Number of stakeholders that gained technical knowledge about producing, preparing, procuring, and/or accessing specialty crops | |
| Indicator 2.2: Number of stakeholders that reported producing, preparing, procuring, and/or accessing more specialty crops | |
| Indicator 2.3: Total number of market access points for specialty crops developed or expanded Of those: 2.3a Number of new online portals created to sell specialty crops 2.3b Number with expanded seasonal availability 2.3c Number of existing market access points that expanded specialty crop offerings 2.3d Number of new market access points that established specialty crop offerings | |
| Indicator 2.4: Number of stakeholders that gained knowledge about more efficient and effective distribution systems | |

| Indicator 2.5: Number of stakeholders that adopted best practices or new technologies to improve distribution systems | | |
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| Indicator 2.6 | 5: Total number of partnerships established between producers, | |
| | and/or other relevant intermediaries related to distribution | |
| | Of those established: | |
| | Number formalized with written agreements (i.e., MOU's, signed | |
| | contracts, etc.) | |
| 2.6b | | |
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| Indicator 2.7 | 7: Total number of new/improved distribution systems | |
| developed | Of those, the number that: | |
| 2.7a | Stemmed from new partnerships | |
| 2.7b | / | |
| 2.7c | Reduced costs | |
| 2.7d | Increased specialty crop grower participation | |
| 2.7e | Expanded customer reach | |
| 2.7f | Increased online presence | |
| Indicator 2.8 | 3: Number of specialty crop-related jobs: | |
| 2.8a | Created | |
| | Maintained | |
| Indicator 2.9: Total number of new individuals who went into specialty crop | | |
| production as | s a result of marketing Of those, the number who are: | |
| 2.9a | Beginning farmers or ranchers | |
| 2.9b | Socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers | |
| | 0: Number of market access points that reported increased: | |
| | Revenue | |
| | Sales | |
| 2.10c | Cost-savings | |

| Outcome 3: Increase Food Safety Knowledge and Processes | |
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| Indicator 3.1: Number of stakeholders that gained knowledge about prevention, detection, control, and/or intervention food safety practices, including relevant regulations (to improve their ability to comply with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and/or meet the standards for aligned third party food safety audits such as Harmonized GAP/GHP) | |
| Indicator 3.2: Number of stakeholders that: | |
| 3.2a Established a food safety plan | |
| 3.2b Revised or updated their food safety plan | |

| Indicator 3.3: Number of specialty crop stakeholders who implemented new/improved prevention, detection, control, and intervention practices, tools, or technologies to mitigate food safety risks (to improve their ability to comply with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and/or meet the standards for aligned third party food safety audits such as Harmonized GAP/GHP) Indicator 3.4: Number of prevention, detection, control, or intervention practices | |
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| developed or enhanced to mitigate food safety risks | |
| Indicator 3.5: Number of stakeholders that used grant funds to: 3.5a Purchase | |
| 3.5b Upgrade food safety equipment | |

| Outcome 4: Improve Pest and Disease Control Processes | |
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| Indicator 4.1: Number of stakeholders that gained knowledge about science- based tools to combat pests and diseases | |
| Indicator 4.2: Number of stakeholders that adopted pest and disease control best practices, technologies, or innovations | |
| Indicator 4.3: Number of stakeholders trained in early detection and rapid response practices to combat pests and diseases Of those: 4.3a The number of additional acres managed using integrated pest management | |
| Indicator 4.4: Number of stakeholders that implemented new diagnostic systems, methods, or technologies for analyzing specialty crop pests and diseases | |
| Indicator 4.5: Total number of producers/processors that enhanced or maintained pest and disease control practices Of those, the number that reported: | |
| 4.5a Reduction in product lost to pest and diseases 4.5b Improved crop quality 4.5c Reduction in labor costs | |
| 4.5d Reduction in pesticide use | |
| Indicator 4.6: Number of producers/processors improving the efficiency of pest and disease control diagnostics and response testing, as reported by: 4.6a Improving speed 4.6b Improving reliability 4.6c Expanding capability 4.6d Increasing testing (i.e. survey work for pests) | |

| Outcome 5: Develop New Seed Varieties and Specialty Crops |
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| Indicator 5.1: Number of cultivar and/or variety trials conducted Of those: |
| 5.1a The number that advanced to further stages of development |
| Indicator 5.2: Number of cultivars and/or seed varieties developed |
| Indicator 5.3: Number of cultivars and/or seed varieties released |
| Indicator 5.4: Number of growers adopting new cultivars and/or varieties |
| Indicator 5.5: Number of acres planted with new cultivars and/or varieties |

| Outcome 6: Expand Specialty Crop Research and Development | | |
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| Indicator 6.1: Number of research goals accomplished | | |
| Indicator 6.2: For research conclusions, the number that: | | |
| 6.2a Yielded findings that supported continued research | | |
| 6.2b Yielded findings that led to completion of study | | |
| 6.2c Yielded findings that allow for implementation of new practice, | | |
| process, or technology | | |
| Indicator 6.3: Number of industry representatives and other stakeholders who engaged with research results | | |
| Indicator 6.4: Total number of research outputs published to industry | | |
| publications and/or academic journals For each published research | | |
| output, the: | | |
| 6.4a Number of views/reads of published research/data | | |
| 6.4b Number of citations counted | | |

| Outcome 7: Improve Environmental Sustainability of Specialty Crops | |
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| Indicator 7.1: Number of stakeholders that gained knowledge about environmental sustainability best practices, tools, or technologies | |
| Indicator 7.2: Number of stakeholders reported with an intent to adopt environmental sustainability best practices, tools, or technologies | |
| Indicator 7.3: Number of producers that adopted environmental best practices or tools | |
| Indicator 7.4: Number of new tools/technologies developed or enhanced to improve sustainability/conservation or other environmental outcomes | |

| Indicator 7.5: Number of additional acres managed with sustainable practices, | | | |
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| | tools, or technologies that focused on: | | |
| 7.5a | Water quality/conservation | | |
| | Soil health | | |
| 7.5c | Biodiversity | | |
| 7.5d | Reduction in energy use | | |
| 7.5e | Other positive environmental outcomes (optional) | | |
| | Indicator 7.6: Number of additional acres established and maintained for the mutual benefit of pollinators/specialty crops | | |

Outcome Remarks: If necessary, include further explanation of the quantifiable results about the Outcomes and Indicators above. If there is no data on the Indicator(s) listed above, an explanation must be provided in this section. Note: If the character limit is reached, please provide further information into the Activities and Accomplishments section. (1,800 characters)

Activities and Accomplishments

Describe the activities and accomplishments for this reporting period and indicate which Objective(s) and Outcome(s) this helped to achieve. (1,000 characters)

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Challenges and Developments

Provide any challenges to the completion of the project or any positive developments outside of the project's original intent that were experienced during this reporting period. Also, provide the corrective actions and/or changes to the project as a result. If the project did not attain an approved Objective, Outcome, or Indicator, provide an explanation in the Corrective Action column. (1,000 characters)

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Upcoming Activities

Provide a description of activities anticipated to complete during the next reporting period, along with the anticipated completion date (MM/DD/YYYY). (500 characters)

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Federal Expenditures to Date

Complete the table below using the budget in the approved Scope of Work and the actual grant expenditures incurred to date.

| Cost Category | Amount Approved in Budget | Actual Federal Expenditures |
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| Personnel | | |
| Fringe Benefits | | |
| Travel | | |
| Equipment | | |
| Supplies | | |
| Contractual | | |
| Other | | |
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| Direct Costs Sub-Total | | |
| Indirect Costs | | |
| Total Federal Costs | | |

Calculate the percentage spent to date by taking the total federal expenditures divided by the total grant amount.

Percentage (%) of expenditures to date:

For Year One Reports, if this amount is less than 30%, and for Year Two Reports, if this amount is less than 60%, include a statement explaining how the grant funds will be expended and project activities completed as planned by the end date of the grant agreement. (1,000 characters)

Program Income

Complete the table below using the budget in the approved Scope of Work and the actual Program Income earned to date. List any unanticipated Program Income with a budget of zero dollars and the actual amount earned. If Program Income was neither budgeted nor earned, enter N/A.

| Source/Nature (i.e., registration fees) | Amount Approved in Budget | Actual Amount Earned |
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| Total Program Income Earned | | |

Describe how the earned Program Income was used to further the Objectives of this project. (1,000 characters)

Match/In-Kind Contributions

Complete the table below using the budget in the approved Scope of Work and the actual Cost Share expenditures to date. List any unanticipated Cost Share with a budget of zero dollars and the actual amount of Cost Share. If Cost Share was neither budgeted nor expended, enter N/A.

| Type of Cost Share | Amount Approved in Budget | Actual Cost Share Expenditures |
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| Total Match/In-Kind Costs | | |

Optional: Testimonies / Success Stories

Please provide testimonies and/or success stories that further explain the value of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. This section should not be used to replace, add, or circumvent the character limits to the above sections. Note: This section is optional and is not required.