



- **University of Connecticut, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics (\$49,996):** Conduct an economic analysis of grape production for wine-making in the state, to include potential markets for locally produced grapes and expected profitability of expanded production.
- **Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station (\$49,996):**
  - To increase production of hydroponics-grown salad greens by establishing greenhouse and fertilizer protocols that will maintain high nutritional values;
  - To boost the state's asparagus crop by improving management strategies that enhance soil and root health and establish a more vigorous plant.
- **University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension (\$35,530):** To provide producers with training and information to improve safe food handling practices on their farms in order to adhere to federal and state Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) guidelines.
- **Connecticut Department of Agriculture (\$67,352):** To establish a uniform food safety GAP program in Connecticut by training and licensing a state Agricultural employee. The employee will be responsible for implementing the GAP program for 149 specialty crop farmers over the next three years.

The application deadline for the next round of specialty crop grants is due by March 1, 2010. For more information visit [www.ctgrown.gov](http://www.ctgrown.gov) or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559.