

## Grant Programs Available to Farmers

-Value-Added Producer Grant: application period yet to be announced. Contact the Wisconsin Rural Development State Office at 715-345-7610 or [RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov](mailto:RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov). [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm)

-Agricultural Development and Diversification Grant: 2007 Application due to Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture by **March 15** Contact Mike Bandli at 608-224-5136 or [mike.bandli@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:mike.bandli@datcp.state.wi.us). Find grant materials online at: <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/mktg/business/marketing/val-add/add/index.jsp>

-Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program (Grant only and Grant-Loan combination applications): Notice of Funding Availability for this program will be decided sometime between **January-May**. Contact USDA Rural Development, Business & Community Programs at 715-345-7610 or [RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov](mailto:RD.BCP.SO@wi.usda.gov)

-Sustainable Ag. Research and Education (SARE) Farmer-Rancher Grants for On-farm Research, On-farm Demonstration, and On-farm Education Projects: SARE calls for grant proposals from farmers usually in late August or September with applications due by **December 1** each year. For questions about the program contact Diane Mayerfeld (608-262-8188, [dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu](mailto:dbmayerfeld@wisc.edu)) or Joan Benjamin (402-472-0809, [jbenjamin2@unl.edu](mailto:jbenjamin2@unl.edu)). For grant application materials, contact NCR (North Central Region)-SARE at 1-800-529-1342, [ncrsare@unl.edu](mailto:ncrsare@unl.edu) or visit [www.sare.org/ncrsare](http://www.sare.org/ncrsare)

-GLCI (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative) On-Farm Grass-Based Research Grant: Call for grant applications usually occurs June-August with applications due by **September 1** of each year. Contact Laura Paine at 608-224-5120 or [laura.paine.datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:laura.paine.datcp.state.wi.us). Grant application materials can be found by searching under the grant name on the WI DATCP website at <http://www.datcp.wi.us>

-Wisconsin Dairy Initiative Dairy Farm Grazing or Organic Transition or Farmer Entry Pilot Grant: (GROW Wisconsin Dairy Team) Applications can be made and submitted **at any time** to the Dept. of Ag. For questions or to request an application, contact Jim Cisler at WI DATCP at 608-224-5137 or [james.cisler@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:james.cisler@datcp.state.wi.us) or visit <http://www.GrowWisconsinDairy.org>