



# New Producer Grant

## Creating opportunities for new producers.

At AgWest Farm Credit, we recognize that a lack of start-up funds can be challenging for many new producers. This exclusive grant opportunity celebrates the ingenuity and passion of new producers and helps them bring dreams to fruition. This program was developed for those who have a vision for their operation but lack the funds to put their plans into action.

### Available funds

Successful applicants will receive a one-time \$15,000 grant to support their operation's growth.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- Be a full or part-time agriculturalist who has two years or less of operational experience or has plans to start their operation within two years of the grant application date.
- Have an operation located within AgWest Farm Credit's territory.
- Not be a current AgWest lending customer.
- Be 18 years of age.
- Be a U.S. citizen or a foreign national lawfully admitted for permanent residency or pursuant to certain visas.

### Application process

To apply, the applicant must complete the following:

- Review the Strategic Business Planning guide on AgWestFC.com.
- View three recorded webinars on AgWestFC.com covering financial statement basics.
- Submit a business plan and cash flow budget (educational video and template available).
- Submit a one-page essay sharing the applicant's relevant agricultural experience, addressing how funds received through this grant will be used to achieve the applicant's goals, and explaining how their operation will benefit their local community or help them achieve their operational aspirations.

### Award process

Applicants will be evaluated on a five-point scale covering four components: application, business plan, cash flow budget and essay. Grant recipients will be notified of their award in late September.

### Deadline to apply:

August 31. Recipients will be notified by September 29 and invited to an awards ceremony to celebrate their achievements in late fall.

Questions?

Email: [AgVision@AgWestFC.com](mailto:AgVision@AgWestFC.com).

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