2009 Small Farms Conference

Poster Sessions featuring West Virginia Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Projects

Since 2007, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture has awarded over 125 grants for specialty crops under the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. A major requirement of funding for this initiative is to raise awareness, provide resources and assist the specialty crop industry. In order to accomplish this, many grants have indicated the sharing and educational outreach of their projects as a means of fulfilling their grant requirements.

For the first time, the 2010 Small Farms Conference will provide an opportunity for grant recipients to share their projects, results and best practices learned from their grant awards. Even if grant recipients are not able to attend the conference, provisions have been made to share information through poster sessions during the conference breaks.

Please complete the form below to indicate your level of participation so that display space can be appropriately allocated. Response is due by **February 22, 2010** and mailed displays must reach the conference organizers by **February 25, 2010**. If you are able to attend the Conference, you can drop your materials off in the display area at check-in.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Martel, Marketing Specialist, WV Department of Agriculture at (304) 469-9738 or cmartel@ag.state.wv.us. We look forward to sharing your projects with the 2010 West Virginia Small Farms Conference participants.

Poster/Presentation Materials should be sent by **February 25, 2010** to:

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

 c/o Mountain RC&D, Inc.
 226 Maple Avenue
 Oak Hill, WV 25901
POSTER SESSION REGISTRATION

Name of Specialty Crop Grant
Program Recipient:________________________________________________

Project Name:__________________________________________________________

Year you received your grant:____________________________________________

Name of Recipient Representative:________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________

Phone:_________________________ Email:_______________________________

Please choose of the following:

(   ) I will be attending the Small Farms Conference and plan on presenting a poster with progress and/or results from my Specialty Crop Block Grant. I will need:
   (Check all that apply)
       ____Half (3’) of a table for literature, publications, photo book and/or other project materials
       ____Full (6’) table for my display and support materials
       ____Easel
       ____I will submit a CD-ROM prior to the conference with a PowerPoint presentation about my project (to be run continually with other projects)
       ____Other (Please describe. Note: additional requests may not be able to be honored based on facility limitations.)

(   ) I can not attend the Small Farms Conference but will provide a poster presentation about my Specialty Crop Block Grant. I agree to have my project materials sent by the February 25, 2010 deadline or delivered to Lakeview Resort & Conference Center by March 1, 2010. I will need the following:
(Check all that apply)
       ____Half (3’) of a table for literature, publications, photo book and/or other project materials
       ____Easel
       ____I will submit a CD-ROM prior to the conference with a PowerPoint presentation about my project (to be run continually with other projects)