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Free Webinar Opportunity for 2011 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Dover- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a free interactive webinar on December 16, at 2:00 p.m., to discuss the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

The USDA and the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) invite all stakeholders including potential grant applicants, interested in the production, handling, sale, or research of specialty crops to participate. The webinar will address the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, which the USDA administers, specifically to support the marketing potential of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Manager Trista Etzig, will explain the purpose of the grant, how to apply for grant funds through the applicants' respective state departments of agriculture, and the types of projects that are eligible for funding.

Registration is required to participate. To request a registration form, contact Olga Kehmeier at okehmeier@rbcs.com, or by phone at (800) 252-1925 Ext. 744 or (913) 438-0744.

You can also find the registration form on the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program homepage www.ams.usda.gov/FruitandVegetable

For more information about this webinar, please contact Christopher Purdy, Business Development Specialist, with the USDA AMS Fruit and Vegetable Program at (202) 720-3209 or christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov.

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