

Farm Viability Enhancement Program Applications Available

The Farm Viability Enhancement Program is a popular business planning and technical assistance program that provides management advice and grants of up to \$75,000 to implement farm growth and sustainability strategies.

Farm operators not only receive up front cash awards for signing a 5 or 10 year Agricultural Covenant, but also receive valuable consultation services and on-farm visits from a team of experts to discuss farm production and management, marketing, and business planning.

Typical uses of Farm Viability Program funds include:

- building or repairing farm structures
- modernizing field equipment
- purchasing delivery vehicles and tractors
- improving marketing structures
- purchasing food processing equipment
- establishing farm websites

Learn more about the Farm Viability Enhancement Program or get an application on line at the MA Department of Agricultural Resources website:

<http://www.mass.gov/agr/programs/farmviability/index.htm>

or request a copy of the application by calling the Farm Viability Enhancement Program at 617-626-1723.

The deadline to submit applications is June 23, 2008.