

**2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program  
Phase I, Concept Proposal  
Technical Evaluation Criteria Score Sheet**

**Title of Project:**

<b>SCORING CRITERIA</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Points Received</b>
<b>1. Project Purpose</b>	<b>30</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How well does the applicant define the specific and existing issue, problem, or need the project will address?</li> <li>b. Did the applicant address the timeliness and relevance to the specialty crop industry?</li> <li>c. Will the project provide a direct benefit to Nebraska's specialty crop industry?</li> <li>d. If the project builds upon a prior year project, describe how the project differs from, compliments, or builds upon the previous work.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Expected Measurable Outcomes</b>	<b>5</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does the project identify one of the eight outcomes as predetermined by USDA?</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Outcome Indicators</b>	<b>20</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Did the applicant provide one of the predetermined indicators listed under the identified outcome?</li> <li>b. Did the applicant write the quantifiable results for the indicator selected?</li> </ul>		
<b>4. Explanation to Accomplish Project</b>	<b>25</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Did the applicant explain how the data will be collected?</li> <li>b. Did the applicant explain how the project will accomplish the outcome and indicator selected?</li> </ul>		
<b>5. Projected Budget</b>	<b>20</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is the budget reasonable and consistent with the project's purpose, outcome, and indicator?</li> <li>b. Is it feasible that the proposed work can be accomplished given the proposed budget?</li> </ul>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>NON-SCORING CRITERIA</b>		
Does the project address how it will enhance the competitiveness of U.S. or U.S. territory grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the project directly benefit socially disadvantaged farmers as defined by the RFA?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the project directly benefit beginning farmers as defined in the RFA?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>