# VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS

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A 20-year journey toward shared success.

# 2001

USDA Rural Development establishes the program and the first Virginia grant goes to the Southern States Cooperative.

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## 2008

Virginia RD funds the first of 3 projects for Mountain Rose Vineyards (22 existing clients have now received awards for 2 or more projects).

#### 2022

Virginia RD had funded more than 160 projects to help develop and market new products for farmers market, online and on-farm sales.

# 2012

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Agriberry LLC receives funding to help expand markets for their blackberries and raspberries. (Virginia RD has funded 31 projects to date for fruit and vegetable producers.)

## 2015

Virginia ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for number of awards and total funding, investing more than \$3 million in 29 state projects.