

## **Second Round of AgPrime Grant Opportunities Available for Individual Farm Operations**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Farmers have a second opportunity to apply for AgPrime grant funding to support new and innovative ideas that increase farm profits. AgPrime grants are provided by the University of Mount Olive's Lois G. Britt Agricultural Center and are funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The grant program is designed to strengthen farms and communities that have been impacted by changes in the tobacco economy. AgPrime grants are available to farmers in Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Richmond and Robeson counties. The second round grant application cycle will be open until Sept. 15. AgPrime was previously offered April 15 through June 1.

Funding proposals up to \$10,000 will be considered for farmers who are agriculturally dependent and who have viable ideas for new and innovative agricultural projects. Priority will be given to persons who earn at least 50 percent of their personal income from their farm operation or agribusiness entity, and to current and former tobacco farmers or former quota holders.

The grant proposal form is located on the Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center web page at [www.umoag.com/AgPrime/index.php](http://www.umoag.com/AgPrime/index.php).

Previous proposals may be revised for submission. Revisions should include adjustments to the project timeline and must be submitted through the website link.

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