

**2017 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
Phase I, Concept Proposal
Technical Evaluation Criteria Score Sheet**

Title of Project:

SCORING CRITERIA	Maximum Points	Points Received
1. Project Purpose	30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How well does the applicant define the specific and existing issue, problem, or need the project will address? b. Did the applicant address the timeliness and relevance to the specialty crop industry? c. Will the project provide a direct benefit to Nebraska's specialty crop industry? d. Is the approach rational and sound? 		
2. Expected Measurable Outcomes	10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does the project identify at least one of the eight outcomes as predetermined by USDA? b. Does the project appear to have a likelihood of success and relevance to specialty crop industry? 		
3. Outcome Indicators	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Did the applicant provide at least one of the predetermined indicators listed under each of outcome measure(s) listed? b. Did the applicant write the quantifiable results for each indicator selected? 		
4. Explanation to Accomplish Project	25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Did the applicant explain how the data will be collected? b. Did the applicant explain how the project will accomplish the outcome(s) and indicator(s) selected? 		
5. Projected Budget	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the budget reasonable and consistent with the project's purpose, outcome(s), and indicator(s)? b. Are matching funds or in-kind contributions anticipated? c. Is it feasible that the proposed work can be accomplished given the proposed budget? 		
TOTAL	100	
NON-SCORING CRITERIA		
Does the project address how it will solely enhance the competitiveness of U.S. or U.S. territory grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign markets?	Yes	No
Should the applicant be invited to submit a Grant Proposal, which is the second phase of the application process?		
If not, please provide constructive criticism to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture as to the concerns you have with this project and why it should not advance.		
Reason(s) Not To Advance Project: _____ _____ _____ _____	Yes	No