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**Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program Awarded Grant**  
*Agricultural Development Board Invests \$59,000 in Pilot Project*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 8, 2009) -The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Gov. Steve Beshear, approved the **Kentucky Center for Agriculture & Rural Development** for \$59,000 in state Agricultural Development Funds to implement a 12-month program for the development of agribusiness entrepreneurs.

The goal of this pilot project is to develop an efficient and effective turnkey process that supports the development of agribusiness entrepreneurs and ideas, using 10-15 agribusiness entrepreneurs as a test group. Additionally, the program will help build skills, inspire innovation, build networks, and expand opportunities to utilize non-traditional financing methods.

This project was one of 18 proposals approved at the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board's August business meeting.

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*Governor Steve Beshear and the Kentucky Legislature continue to make great strides toward lessening Kentucky's dependence on tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50 percent of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.*

*To date, Kentucky has invested more than \$293.6 million to an array of county, regional and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises. This project represents one of more than 3,565 projects that have been funded through the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, since the inception of the program in January 2001.*

