

71. SPECIALTY CROPS

Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops including floriculture.

We support:

1. Enhancing the industry's image and recognize the importance of its contribution to the agricultural economy.
2. Providing programming, legislative, and marketing efforts for the continued growth and development of various specialty crops that are not already defined as such within the Farm Bill.
3. An indemnification program that provides for losses of plants and nursery stocks that need to be eradicated to control the spread of serious communicable diseases. The program should be funded by state/federal sources and the indemnity payments should be based upon current market values.