

**Season Extension Production Initiative
Fund Account Fact Sheet
Fiscal Year 2022**

Eligibility
<p>The Season Extension Production Initiative (SEPI) Fund Account is for applicants with land located in the Foothills Work Unit which includes Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Pike and Wolfe Counties. The objective of this focused conservation project is to address the need for fresh, locally grown produce in areas which currently have limited access to fresh produce. High Tunnel Systems will be used to increase the growing season and increase the amount of produce production in the Foothills Work Unit Counties. The result will be a stronger local food economy with more fresh produce being marketed to the community.</p>

Ranking Questions
1. Has the operation produced annual vegetable/fruit crops for the past three or more years?
2. Is the applicant currently participating in a local/regional farmer's market or direct sales to local consumers?
3. Will the crop(s) grown in the high tunnel be for commercial and/or direct market sale?
4. The High Tunnel System will be used to produce multiple crops throughout different growing seasons. (Example: tomatoes followed by fall greens such as kale, chard, etc.)
5. The schedule of Operations includes supporting practices necessary to support a new or existing high tunnel to address irrigation management such as the use of a roof runoff structure and microirrigation.
6. Has the applicant attended any educational workshops to further their knowledge of producing in a high tunnel system?
7. If the producer has attended educational workshops, were any of the workshops attended part of the outreach efforts of this Season Extension Production Initiative Focused Project?
8. Does the applicant currently have a transitioning to organic plan or is currently certified organic?

Eligible Practices

Conservation Practice	Practice Code	Unit	Practice Lifespan (years) ¹	Payment Cap ²	Payment Limits
High Tunnel System	325	SqFt.	5		
Irrigation Pipeline	430	Ft	20		
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	441	Ac.	15		
Mulching	484	Ac.	1		
Pumping Plant	533	Ea.	15		
Roof Runoff Structure	558	No.	15	\$150,000	Per Contract

¹ The conservation practice in the EQIP contract must be maintained and used for the intended purpose and the practice lifespan.