



AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS

Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program

Agricultural lending is typically not eligible for B&I assistance. However, many *agriculture-related businesses* are eligible for B&I guaranteed loans.

There is *no* “*family-size farm*” requirement connected with the B&I program.

Eligible agriculture-related businesses

All types of *agriculture-related* businesses which are not directly involved in the production of agricultural commodities are eligible for the B&I program.

Examples of eligible agribusinesses include:

- Fruit/vegetable/crop packing, processing, & marketing shed
- “Value-added” business operations
- Wineries
- Creameries & cheese-making facilities
- Meat packing & processing facilities
- Custom farm service & farm management providers
- Farm trucking operations

Agricultural production

With the few exceptions noted below, B&I guaranteed loans are not authorized for businesses engaged *only* in production agriculture:

<u>Ineligible</u>	<u>Eligible *</u>
Crop production.....	<i>except:</i> Nurseries (flowers/ornamentals/trees/Christmas trees) Flower & vegetable seed production Sod farms Vegetable transplant nurseries Mushroom production Hydroponics
Livestock production.....	<i>except:</i> Aquaculture
Dairies	
Feedlots	
Horse breeding/boarding	
Tree crop production.....	<i>except:</i> Forestry Timber production & harvesting Fuelwood production

Vertically-integrated farm operations

Vertically-integrated farms – i.e., those that combine the production *and* processing of agricultural commodities -- are eligible for B&I assistance if:

- agricultural production is a secondary purpose of the loan – i.e., less than 50% of the loan and less than \$1 million

AND

- the loan is ineligible for a USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan or guarantee. (For information on FSA programs, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/or> or call 503-692-6830.)