

Dakota Sun Winery

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Sabre committee:

I am writing in my support for the Funding request for the CREC Fruit Research Program. This request is needed and used by many fruit producers and end use users such as myself, owner of Dakota Sun Winery. We have accessed Kathy many times for advice on different fruits; and have also purchased their fruits for use in our winemaking quite often.

As you probably know, this research program has operated on a "shoestring" budget for years, and as there are more and more producers across the state wanting pertinent fruit plant information, this should be a valuable funding request.

I believe your funding would be used wisely to expand fruit plantings across the state. There is more and more interest from people to grow viable fruits, as an income sideline or for personal use.

Thank you for your support!



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Owner, Dakota Sun Winery