## USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative: Opportunities for truffle research

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Expansion of truffle industries in European and non-European countries alike have been supported by funding from their national governments. Thus far, support for trufficulture research in North America has been limited. The US Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) is designed to meet challenges of specialty crops in the area productivity, distribution and marketing. Consequently, SCRI offers important chances to fund comprehensive applied research on trufficulture. This poster describes the requirements of the SCRI program and the range of projects available and the opportunities to fund truffle research.