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§19-38-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

- (a) The Legislature finds that:
- (1) It is an important public policy to attract new and expand existing agricultural businesses and value-added facilities producing or further developing the availability of locally grown food and locally produced products.
- (2) Agriculture-based businesses are necessary for diversifying the state's economy.
- (3) Because of the unique nature of these businesses, agriculture-based businesses struggle to obtain appropriate capital for development or expansion and require unique tools and guidance to navigate the hurdles associated with establishment and growth.
- (b) Therefore, the Legislature hereby creates the West Virginia Agriculture Investment Program to accomplish these important public policy goals.