

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-38-1**

## **§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.