



## ILLINOIS SPECIALTY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Illinois Specialty Growers Association is a united voice to support and advocate promotion, research, and education within the industry. It strives to improve market opportunities and production quality for specialty crops grown in Illinois.

### Organizational Priorities:

- 1: Education: To provide trainings and resources to members and specialty crop farmers in Illinois.
- 2: Advocacy: To advocate for regulation and policy at county, state, and national level for the industry.
- 3: Research: To fund and promote research in the industry.
- 4: Market Opportunity: To build relationships to create new market opportunities for members.
- 5: Promotion: Promote and increase awareness of the industry.
- 6: Scholarship: To provide mentoring and scholarships to beginner farmers and youth

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