



Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative

Georgia and South Carolina

While SDBII grant opportunities were originally available to Tennessee processors at the start of the program in 2020, the program reach expanded to include the states of Georgia and South Carolina in 2022 and further expanded to offer production-focused opportunities in 2023. Since funding opportunities have been available in Georgia and South Carolina, SDBII has awarded \$3.39 million across 32 grants for production and processing.

16

Farm-focused awards across 15 distinct dairy farm operations

14

Processing-focused awards across 10 distinct farmstead processors

2

Capacity, feasibility, and succession planning grants across 2 distinct operations

Georgia and South Carolina Partnerships:

- SDBII partner: North Carolina State University
 - Program contact for Georgia and South Carolina
 - Assists with application development, technical assistance, and training for dairy businesses within the region
- SDBII contacts
 - University of Georgia
 - Clemson University

Previously Funded Processing Projects in GA & SC:

- Purchase and installation of a bottle filler and capper, labeler, and broiler to increase processing outputs
- Purchase of a health monitoring system, silage loader, feed pusher, and wash sprayer to improve herd health and labor efficiency
- Purchase and installation of automatic calf feeders and corresponding ear transponders
- Completion of a feasibility study to assets the effects of launching a value-added dairy business

