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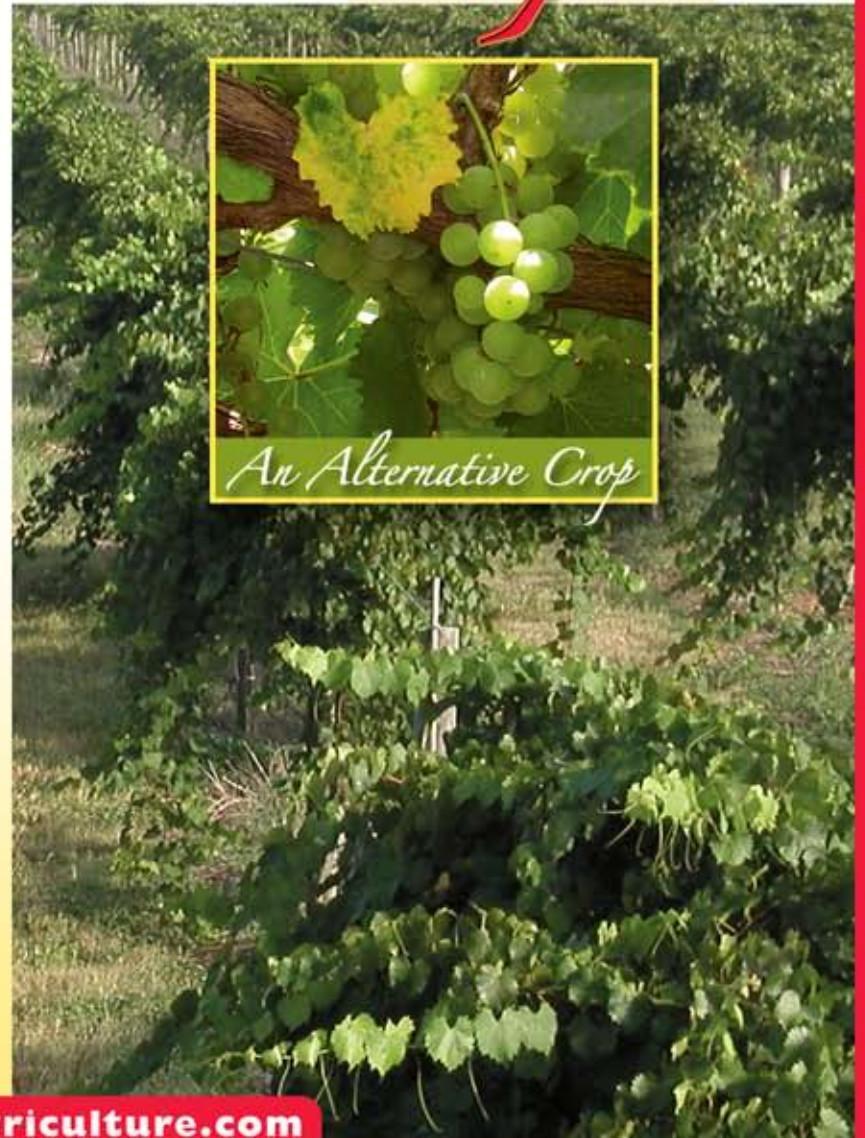
## Grow Florida Grapes

**G**rapes are an underdeveloped agricultural commodity. They present an opportunity for farmers to develop an alternative crop while partnering with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and the viticulture industry in a sustainable agriculture venture.

FDACS is jointly sponsoring the **Commercial Vineyard Increased Acreage Grant Program** with the Viticulture Advisory Council to promote new vineyards or the expansion of existing vineyards in Florida.

Assistance to Florida commercial grape growers will be in the form of a grant not to exceed \$1,000 per acre. The funds are payable on a reimbursement basis after the installed vineyard has been inspected and approved by Florida's Viticulture Advisory Council.

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### Dear Florida Agribusiness Leader:

The Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign (FAPC), also known as "Fresh from Florida," promotes more than 280 agricultural commodities grown in the Sunshine State. I urge you to join this campaign; it is good for business and it is good for Florida agriculture. For more information or to apply for FAPC membership, call (850) 488-9948, visit [www.Florida-Agriculture.com](http://www.Florida-Agriculture.com), email [fapc@doacs.state.fl.us](mailto:fapc@doacs.state.fl.us), or write to FAPC Program, 407 South Calhoun Street, Mayo Building Room 425, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800.

Sincerely,

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