

happy to say this grant was awarded to the WVHG, giving us \$30,000 to explore the feasibility of Chinese medicinal botanicals in the Mid- Atlantic Region. The grant awarded by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture for the construction of the prototype herb dryer in 2002 was also a direct result of this grant. This grant provided the opportunity to herb growers in this state to come together and form an organization, thus giving the needed credibility to be eligible for other opportunities in herbal research.

ASSESSMENT:

Besides two terrible growing seasons, our main goal was accomplished by setting up a growers group in West Virginia and providing them with seed and plant stock for start-up, and also providing them with the necessary education required for properly cultivating these plants for market.

Much new interest and many new projects have been generated from this project and we hope to be doing more research for SARE in the future.

ADOPTION:

N/A

OUTREACH:

Copies of the Growers Guide will be distributed to all agricultural based organizations in the state and any interested growers from surrounding states. It will also be posted on the West Virginia Herb Association website at www.wvherb.org. We have also included contact information on the cover of the Growers Guide for anyone to call to obtain copies. All members of the WVHG will receive a copy and a copy will be put into the new members packet distributed to new members.

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