



Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Plasticulture Program Grant Application

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The Oklahoma Plasticulture Grant Program offers small limited resource farmers* an opportunity to diversify their enterprises by adding specialty crop production to their operations. The program emphasizes marketing and requires a three-year commitment based on funding availability . Exception: Project participation may be cancelled due to serious illness or other extenuating circumstances.

The plasticulture projects will range from 1/4-1 acre in size. A soil and water test must be performed prior to ground preparation to ensure that plants will be productive.

The farmer will provide the following:

Water

Plants

Water and Soil Test

Ground Preparation

Production Report - Failure to provide accurate production reports may lead to termination of your participation in the Plasticulture Program.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ODAFF) will provide:

Plastic

Drip Tape

Shut Off Valves

Grant funds may be used for soil and water testing, animal depredation, scales, fertilizer, plants and fencing materials if necessary. The maximum grant reimbursement is not to exceed \$600 for the 1st year and \$400 for the 2nd and 3rd year. **ITEMIZED RECEIPTS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR.**

Compliance Terms:

1. Failure to follow all requirements of the Plasticulture grant contracts shall result in no eligibility for future years. In some cases, it may result in repayment of all or part of the grant funds to the Department.
2. Any misuse of grant funds shall result in repayment of all or part of the grant funds to the Department.
3. Any change to the original application shall require a written request submitted for approval to the Department.

Langston University Extension Outreach Specialists will work with ODAFF staff in providing technical assistance to the plasticulture projects.

Applicants Information:

Name _____

Company/Farm Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Location and Legal Description of Plasticulture Project (if different from above):

Size of Project _____

Do you own or rent? _____

Did you have any type of garden in previous year and how many acres? _____

What kinds of vegetables were raised? _____

Describe any experience you have in growing produce.

Do you intend to sell your crops and where? _____

Do you eat any of your crops? _____

Describe how you plan to market your produce.

Will you be able to adequately prepare the location to be used? _____

Do you have adequate water supply? _____ How far is water supply from location? _____

Are you interested in a spring or fall garden? _____

What types of vegetables would you like to raise? _____

Will you share your information with others and use your plasticulture project as a demonstration site?

____ Yes ____ No

I agree to the above mentioned requirements and all program rules. To the best of my knowledge the above information is correct.

Signature

Date

*A limited resource farmer is defined as a person with a direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than \$100,000 in each of the previous two years and has gotten little or no assistance from the government.

Grants will be approved on a competitive basis and will be evaluated by the following criteria:

Experience - 60 points

Marketing Plan - 40 Points

Please mail applications to: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Attn: Ashley Carroll 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Plasticulture Program Guidelines

In conjunction with the Plasticulture program, the state legislature, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and the USDA Specialty Crop Block grant program has provided a Plasticulture grant to help with the initial start-up costs for farmers. The following is an outline of the grant program and applicable guidelines. Grant funds may be used for but are not limited to the following:

Soil Testing

Soil Tests can be performed through OSU Extension Offices and many local elevators.

Water Testing

Water Testing is to be done by any applicants planning to use pond or well water. Water tests can also be performed through local OSU Extension Offices and many local elevators.

Animal Depredation

Removal of gophers, moles, etc. is to be done by the applicant and may be an ongoing process. There is a **\$50** cap on the amount claimable through the grant program for animal depredation.

Fencing

There is no cap on the amount claimable through the grant program for fencing materials. **The grant program will not reimburse applicants for any labor costs.**

Fertilizer

There is a **\$200** cap on the amount claimable through the grant program for fertilizer.

Scales

There is a **\$125** cap on the amount claimable through the grant program for scales.

Plants

There is a **\$300** cap on the amount claimable through the grant program for plants.

Receipts

Participants must return legible copies of itemized receipts to ODAFF. If third party labor is used for the land preparation process, a receipt with the third party signature is required. **Receipts are required for reimbursement.**

Production Report

A production report must be submitted at the end of season that states the amount of produce sold along with the price produce was sold for. (E.G. roadside stand, farmers market, local restaurants, farm to school program, etc. Maximum of 50% may be used for personal consumption.)

These guidelines are subject to change on a case-by-case basis with a written request submitted for approval to program staff.

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