

Oklahoma City, OK - The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) is excited to introduce the Soil Health Implementation Program (SHIP), a progressive initiative aimed at improving soil health and operational resilience for participating Oklahoma agricultural producers.

SHIP invites applications from producers keen on enhancing their land through soil health practices. Eligible applicants must be prepared to serve as mentors for local farmers in sharing their experience and advice for those looking to begin or strengthen their efforts toward soil health. SHIP producers must be open to promoting regenerative farming and ranching techniques through various means like field days, video interviews, economic study write-ups, and speaking at a local conference.

Through SHIP, accepted applicants will collaborate with the OCC Soil Health Team to devise and execute a three-year plan focused on advancing soil health-centric production systems. The program not only offers technical assistance but also provides partial cost reimbursement for implementing approved plans.

While the program is committed to aiding producers, it is important to note that application submission does not guarantee acceptance or funding. This initiative seeks to empower applicants with the necessary tools and knowledge to make impactful changes for soil health in their agricultural operation, whether they manage a crop, grazing, or urban food production system.

The application window is open from January 1 to March 1, 2024. With a comprehensive review process, the OCC aims to represent producers from conservation districts across the state in this endeavor. SHIP represents another significant stride towards building resilient agriculture in Oklahoma.

For more information or to apply, interested individuals are encouraged to contact the [Insert Conservation District Name & Contact Info].