

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
SOIL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (SHIP)
APPLICATION

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| Name | | |
| Address | | |
| County | Conservation District | |
| Phone | Email | |
| Do you have a district cooperator agreement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* *If no and the applicant is selected, the applicant must agree to fulfill this requirement. | | |
| Do you own or rent this land? <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent* *If you are <u>not</u> the landowner, you must provide a properly executed consent form from the owner(s) of the land if accepted into the program. | | |
| How many total acres do you operate? _____ | | |
| Are you an urban/small farm producer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| What animal(s), crop(s), and product(s) do you produce on this land? | | |
| Which of these conservation practices do you currently use in your operation? (check all that apply) | | |
| No Till | Cover Crops | Limited/no use of chemical soil/plant treatments |
| Rotational Grazing | Crop Rotations | Multispecies seed mixes |
| Compost amendment | Prescribed fire | Wildlife habitat management |
| Are you currently receiving incentives through other programs to do this? If yes, please list (e.g., EQIP, State Cost Share): _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you willing to sign a three-year agreement to participate in the program? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would you be open to hosting a field day? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would you agree to be a reference that producers in your area could call for candid advice on implementing practices that promote soil health? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would you agree to annual soil health testing during your SHIP engagement? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For the following questions, please respond in 150 words or less (2-5 sentences) using common terms (no jargon needed!). You may use bullet points or short sentences. Applications will be scored on substance and clarity, not perfect writing.

What does regenerative agriculture mean to you?

Please describe what you are currently doing to improve soil health on your land.

If accepted into the program, what soil health practices are you planning to adopt and why?

Are the decision makers for this farm/land supportive of regenerative agriculture? If not, how can this be overcome?

- Completing this form **does not** guarantee financial assistance.
- Each application will be evaluated by the OCC Soil Health Team using a standardized scoring and ranking approach designed to select producers among all five conservation district areas.
- I am a United States citizen or a qualified alien under federal Immigration and Naturalization Act, and I am lawfully present in the United States.
- If approved for this program, I understand that financial assistance can only occur on those practices and the associated implementation schedule agreed to in an approved and fully signed SHIP conservation plan.
- I understand that construction/installation/implementation of practice(s) **prior to SHIP conservation plan approval** is not eligible for financial assistance.
- I am **not** an Oklahoma Conservation Commission commissioner or employee, conservation district employee or the spouse of any of these people mentioned.

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is correct.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Producer's Guide to Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Soil Health Implementation Program (SHIP)

Who should apply?

Crop, livestock, and urban/small farm/specialty crop producers who consider themselves in business for profit. Top applicants will be those with some experience in soil health agriculture, who want to take their adoption of regenerative ag to the next level. Successful applicants must be open to helping other producers learn about soil health management (i.e., host a field day, be an informal mentor to neighbors, be interviewed for an article or video, etc). There is no minimum or maximum acreage requirement.

How long is the program term?

This is a 3-year commitment from the time of SHIP conservation plan signing.

How much financial assistance is available?

Each producer may receive up to \$40,000 in reimbursement over the three-year program term for implementing practices in accordance with an approved SHIP conservation plan. Producer must pay for practice implementation up-front, and will be reimbursed upon acceptable completion as certified by their OCC planner. SHIP will use a standard unit cost for conservation practices based on current Oklahoma NRCS EQIP payment rates.

How does the program work?

1. Producer will complete and submit a SHIP application through their local district from January 1 to Mar 1, 2026.
2. Each application will be reviewed by the OCC Soil Health Team to complete a standard scoring sheet. A phone interview will be requested for finalists.
3. The OCC Soil Health Team will rank and select highest-scoring applicants that maximize district participation across the state. All applicants and their districts will be informed of selection outcomes by April 30, 2026.
4. Accepted producers will work with an OCC Soil Health Team member to create a three-year plan that reaches producer's goals and addresses soil health concerns. Acres designated for implementation cannot be enrolled in other programs (e.g., EQIP) for the same practice(s).
5. As producer completes each practice as set forth in their SHIP plan, they will contact their OCC planner to certify practice completion. District will pay the producer for each practice upon receiving OCC planner's certification documents.
6. Producer will communicate regularly with their OCC Soil Health team member and the local district for technical assistance, to keep track of plan progress, and modify plan as needed.

What will the program payments cover?

The following are examples of what your OCC planner may agree to cover with SHIP funds:

Examples for cropland system:

- Conversion to no-till
- Cover crop seed mixes
- Biological fertilizers or compost products
- Fence/water infrastructure for grazing on cropland

Examples for grazing land system:

- Fence/water infrastructure for adaptive grazing
- Virtual fence systems
- Invasive plant control and prescribed burning
- Seed mixes for no-till interseeding

Examples for urban/specialty crop system:

- High tunnels
- Irrigation systems
- Biological fertilizers or compost products
- Pollinator habitat establishment

Who should I contact with questions?

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