

YOUNG FARMER GRANT PROGRAM

Recommended Eligible Expense Ideas

The following expenses are general expenses for consideration as you develop your Young Farmer Grant Application. Not all eligible items are listed. Contact the Grants office at grants@TexasAgriculture.gov for project eligibility or clarification.

Eligible	Ineligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Purchasing livestock or animals • Seeds, seedlings, and plants • Irrigation equipment, parts, and labor • Refurbishing pre-existing structures such as barns and wells (<i>see capital expenditures for improvement</i>) • Construction of pens and coops • CEU training costs • Fencing • Fuel • Rental of equipment • Personnel costs – both salary and benefits (<i>grant funds may be used for directly supporting salaries and wages of employees, but not for the value of applicant's own services</i>). • Lease of Land • Contracts – agreements made with private parties to perform a portion of the grant project. • Genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial Insemination Costs • Veterinarian Expenses • Fertilizer • Pesticides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fungicides • Herbicides • Insecticides • Pre-emergent • Marketing expenses • Video and website design • E-Commerce development • Non-capitalized equipment – nonexpendable, tangible personal property having an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000. (<i>See list of possible ideas</i>) • Other supplies and direct operating expenses – costs for materials, supplies, and fabricated parts necessary to carry out the grant project. (<i>See list of possible ideas</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic beverages • ATV/UTV/Golfcarts • TDA Licenses, including but not limited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ag Pesticide • Hemp • Plant quality • Grain Warehouse • Seed Certification • Aquaculture • HMPC • Egg Law • Scale • Packaging • Organics (<i>See National Organic Certification Cost share program</i>) • Entertainment • Tips or gratuity • Contributions, charitable or political • Expenses falling outside of the contract period (<i>expenses incurred before the grant approved start date or after end date of agreement</i>) • Expenses not listed in the project budget or that fail to meet the intent of the program • Value of applicant's own services • Personnel costs of spouses, children, parents, grandparents, and/or business partners; • Purchasing land • Promotional items for the business • Capitalized Equipment - Personal property or other capital items with a cost of more than \$5,000, with a useful life of more than 1 year • Attachments to equipment that equates to \$5,000 or more` • Capital Expenditures for improvements – items that materially increase the value or useful life of building, equipment or land. Such as building of a barn or drilling of a water well. • Travel, lodging, or meals

The following are examples of eligible items and expenses relevant to different types of agricultural operations for the Young Farmer Grant. Note: Not all eligible items are listed. These lists are not intended to be exhaustive but rather illustrative of a range of examples. Contact the Grants office at grants@texasagriculture.gov for eligibility or clarification.

Small Equipment – not to exceed \$5,000.00

- Add-on alley sheet
- Animal scale/indicator
- Automatic cube pellet feeder/cake feeder
- Bunk feeder
- Broadcast spreader— cone type 3 point hitch or ATV/UTV mounted seeder that broadcasts seed
- Covered mineral feeder — stand alone and ground only
- Creep feeder
- Electronic identification (EID) reader
- Feed bins
- Feed bin unload auger
- Fly sprayer and/or oiler
- Hay ring/hay feeder
- Hay unroller
- Litter Management items
- Mobile calf catcher pen — ATV or UTV attachment;
- Pasture gate — interior use only; must be installed at time of reimbursement
- Pasture sprayer
- Pasture sprayer GPS
- Sheep/goat automatic milk feeding machine
- Sheep/goat fitting stand
- Sheep shear
- Ultrasound and accessories

Working Facility Costs

- Alley frame
- Alleyway
- Carriage for squeeze chute
- Continuous pipe panel — interior use only, must be installed at the time of reimbursement
- Corral panel — portable panel, gate in frame/bow gate
- Creep panel
- Crowding/sweep tub
- Feeder panel
- Headgate
- Headlock stanchion/palpation rail/stall loop
- Hoof trimming table or chute
- Loading chute
- Neck extender/brisket bar/head holder
- Palpation cage
- Rolling block door/alley back stop
- Slant bar hay feeding wagon
- Squeeze chute
- Tilt/roll table

Row Crop

- Bin unload auger (may not exceed \$5,000 of YFG funds)
- Conveyor (may not exceed \$5,000 of YFG funds)
- Cotton round bale handler (may not exceed \$5,000 of YFG funds)
- GPS
- Grain bin (may not exceed \$5,000 of YFG funds)
- Grain bin rescue tube
- Moisture monitor

Fruit and Vegetable Production

- Biosecurity items
- Bladder press – viticulture
- Crusher/destemmer
- Cold storage*
 - Chilling units – not for AC units
 - Freezer
 - Walk-in cooler
- Fan – greenhouse
- Fertilizer equipment
- Field planter
- Fruit stock
- GAP/Produce Safety related costs
- Gravel
 - Foundation
 - Propagation area
 - Geotextile
- Greenhouse
 - Hydroponic
 - Overwintering
 - Production
 - Shade system
- Hand washing stations for workers
- Harvest bins/lugs
- Heater – greenhouse
- High tunnel/hoop-house*
- Irrigation
 - Controller system
 - Fertigation system
 - Filter system
 - Frost protection
 - Overhead
 - Pivot
 - Pond liner
- Pump
- Storage tanks
- Lighting – not for aesthetics
- Mulch machine
- Must pump – fruit juices only
- Packing facility*
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Packing line/washing equipment
- Restroom facilities for workers
 - Sinks/toilets
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing/hot water heater
- Pest control
 - Bird control netting
 - Sprayer
 - Wildlife barriers
- Plastic mulch layer/lifter
- Plastic pallets (food grade only)
- Production line equipment
- Pruner – mechanical
- Sanitation needs
- Signs – related to needs for Produce Safety
- Sink – produce washing
- Soil mixer
- Spray equipment
- Sprayer
- Thermostat – greenhouse
- Trellis materials – berries and vines
- Vineyard hoe
- Website development – no fees
- Wood boiler

Apiary Expansion

- Beekeeping supplies
 - Queens: one per new hive – re-queening of existing hives is not eligible
 - Package bees
 - Nucleus colonies – honeybees & boxes
- Hive or super equipment
- Frames
- Foundation wax
- Hive accessories
 - Telescoping covers, Western, or flatcovers
 - Bottom boards
 - Division board feeders
 - Entrance feeder
 - Top feeders
 - Queen excluders
 - Entrance reducers
 - Metal frame spacers
 - Metal rabbets
 - Eyelets
 - Frame wire
 - Pollen traps
- Honey Processing Equipment
- Band heaters
- Bottling bucket kit
- Capping scratchers
- Containers stainless steel
- Drum handling truck
- Extractors
- Gates for honey storage
- Honey bottling valve
- Honey dispensing tanks
- Honey filter
- Honey refractometer
- Immersion heaters
- Strainers
- Un-cappers
- Uncapping knives
- Wax melters
- Pollination Services

Horticulture Sector – Equipment may not exceed \$5,000.00

- Aeration system – flowers
- Cold frames
- Cold storage
 - Walk in cooler
 - Components
- Container production area
- Drying house – flowers
- Fan – greenhouse
- Fertilizer equipment
- Field planter
- Gravel – geotextile preferred
 - Foundation
 - Propagation area
 - Container production
- Greenhouse
 - Covering
 - Overwintering
 - Shade system
 - Structure
- Heater – greenhouse
- High tunnel/hoop house
- Irrigation
 - Controller system
 - Filter system
 - Overhead/drip
 - Pivot
 - Pond liner
 - Pump
- Lighting – not for aesthetics
 - Greenhouse
- Loading area/dock
- Packing facility
- Packing line equipment
- Potting building
- Potting wagon
- Propagation building
- Propagation mats
- Rolling carts
- Sod harvester
- Soil mixer
- Spray equipment
- Sprayer

- Thermal tag printer – horticulture only
- Thermostat – greenhouse
- Tree baler – standing
- Tree claw
- Tree lifter/shaker
- Tree hauling wagons
- Tree spade
- Tree transplanter
- Tree trimmer
- Water level control
- Water storage tanks
- Website development – no fees
- Wood boiler

Organic Sector

- Fan – greenhouse
- Fertilizer equipment
- Field planter
- Flail mower
- Fruit stock
- Gravel – geotextile preferred
 - Foundation
 - Propagation area
- Greenhouse
 - Structure
 - Hydroponic
 - Overwintering
 - Shade system
- Heater – greenhouse
- High tunnel/hoop house
- Irrigation
 - Controller system
 - Filter system
 - Overhead
 - Pivot
 - Pump
 - Water level control
 - Water storage tanks
- Lighting – not for aesthetics
 - Greenhouse
- Loading area/dock
- Mulch machine
- Mulch layer/lifter
- Packing facility
- Packing line equipment
- Pond liner – irrigation system
- Production line equipment
- Roller crimper
- Signs
- Sink – produce washing
- Soil mixer
- Spader
- Spray equipment
- Sprayer
- Thermostat – greenhouse
- Trellis materials
- Walk in cooler
- Website development – no fees