

**Texas CRaFT Program Eligibility Guidelines**  
**New Grove Participation Criteria**  
**Updated: 9-15-2021**

**Grower Requirements**

1. Application must be submitted to TCPDMC by October 31, 2021.
2. Applicant must be a commercial grower in the state of Texas, TCM member, and up-to-date on Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation (TCPDMC) assessment.
3. The applicant must be the owner of the proposed property for the CRaFT project or provide proof of a long-term lease for at least 8 years.
4. The grower is responsible for maintaining and managing the grove for at least 8 years after the planting date.
5. The grower must contractually agree and comply with the terms and conditions as listed below for the duration of the project.

**Grove Requirements**

6. Commitment to young trees through a maximum of 2-year agreement with a Texas Department of Agriculture certified nursery must be presented as part of the application.
7. Coordinates of the grove must be provided and must be located within the Texas commercial citrus production zone (Cameron, Willacy, or Hidalgo counties).
8. The property for each proposed project must be at least 20 contiguous acres. No limit on the total acreage a grower can request, however the CRaFT technical advisory committee will make final allocation of acreage.
9. Ground must be cleared and prepped, including at least 24" deep chiseling, and planted within 2 years of approval.
10. The grove must be equipped with a pressurized irrigation system with appropriate water metering (drip or sprinkler) with fertilizer and pesticide injection capabilities.
11. Growers must plant the following treatments: a) Raised beds with ground cover on at least 80% of grove; b) raised beds with no ground cover *and/or* flat beds with no ground cover on the remaining area (minimum of 2 acres); c) Individual protective covers (IPCs) on at least 50% of grove.
12. Planting density needs to be at least 130 trees/ac and no more than 250 trees/ac.
13. The groves will be established with healthy uniform transplants from TDA-certified nurseries.

**Access to project site by CRaFT partners and data ownership**

- 14. To receive payment for participation, growers must grant reasonable access to the project site for review, data collection on plant growth parameters, pest densities and disease incidences for demonstration purposes.
- 15. Data collected (images, measurements, observations, etc.), are owned by the CRaFT program, will be publicly available, and used to generate reports, analyses and publications.

**Requirements to receive payment**

The CRAFT program will contribute up to \$2500/acre for establishing the new groves as per the below schedule and contingent upon fulfilling the criteria:

<b>Checklist for Payment</b>	<b>Payment 1 60%</b>	<b>Payment 2 40%</b>
Application submitted indication acreage and location	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contract reviewed by TAC and auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grove prepped including clearing, levelling, and bedding. Irrigation system, water metering and ground cover installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grove audited by CRaFT personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Trees planted		<input type="checkbox"/>
IPC installed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Grove audited by CRaFT personnel		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Mail your application to:**

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