

Mentor and Technical Consultancy Programs

Sign-Up Form (New and Experienced Farmers)

Apply to be a part of our Mentorship Program and/or Consultancy Program. Please respond to each question thoughtfully and accurately for us to best help you participate in these programs. Filling out this form will result in a check of your status as an OFRA member. Upon approval, your information will be added to the appropriate internal databases and you will receive follow-up information depending on your choice in programs.

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Please indicate your affiliation below. If you aren’t a member, you will be asked to complete additional steps, including paying for an OFRA membership, to sign up:

* Current OFRA member
* Not a current member—please send me more information on membership

How many years of experience do you have managing, owning, or operating a farm business?

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Please choose from the following options—what best describes your reason(s) for completing this application?

You are…

* A ***new farmer*** looking for an experienced farmer to consult with for ***a specific technical topic.***
* A ***new farmer*** looking for an experienced farmer who will serve as a ***long-term mentor.***
* An ***experienced farmer*** looking to pass along knowledge and skills via ***long-term mentorship*** of a new farmer *(the first six hours of consultation are paid, and the mentorship lasts at least one year)*
* An ***experienced farmer*** looking to pass along knowledge and skills via ***short-term technical consultancies with multiple new farmers***. *(consultants field questions from a variety of new farmers on specific technical topics, and are compensated hourly for up to six hours on a per-topic, per-new farmer basis)*

**Note:** OFRA understands that there are nuances with mentorship and consultancy and that there are farmers in Oklahoma already engaged in these activities. We believe the incentive to sign up is participating in an accessible program with a broad peer group. Furthermore, we are fortunate to be able to financially support some of these mentorship and consultancy activities at the current time.

What activities would you be interested in as a regular part of your mentorship relationship?

* Phone calls
* Email consultations
* Participation in gatherings with mentors and new farmers in your region
* In-person meetings between mentor and mentee (on-farm or in a location convenient for both parties)
* New farmer use and management of a portion of experienced farmer’s farm or land
* Shared management of one farm

Which of these technical topics can you advise a new or transitioning-to-organic farmer about via mentorship or short-term technical consultancy OR which subjects are you most interested in learning about from a mentor?

* Animal and Egg Production, Livestock Care
* Business Planning, Financials, and Farm Funding
* Farm Planning
* Recordkeeping
* Marketing and Public/Community Relations
* Processing and Handling (includes animal, horticultural, and value-added products)
* Soil Health and Management
* Vegetable Crops

Please describe your farm experience and background, including work experience, education, training, and current farming activities:

What are your short-term and long-term farm plans? (New farmers only.)

Why are you interested in the Mentorship Program and/or Technical Consultancy Program? (Potential mentors and consultants only.)

By signing on the line below, you are agreeing to the following statement:

* I understand that OFRA will use the information provided here for the sole purposes of enhancing farmer-to-farmer mentoring, technical assistance, and education. I accept that I will need to act upon certain follow-up information that I receive. I understand that any response on this application form may be provided on materials furnished to other participants. I will be prompted to renew my inclusion on the organization’s lists on a yearly basis—failing to respond to OFRA will result in my removal from the programs.

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Do you have any questions or further information you would like to provide to OFRA?



Please submit by mailing to the following address:

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