

# [***OCC offers soil health program***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B77-76G1-DY8S-B07B-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Jan. 29—Oklahoma Conservation Commission is introducing its ***Soil Health*** Implementation Program, an initiative aimed at improving ***soil health*** and operational resilience for participating Oklahoma agricultural producers.

This initiative seeks to empower applicants with the tools and knowledge to make changes for ***soil health*** in their agricultural operation, whether they manage a crop, grazing or urban food production system.

"This is a good program for producers in this area to get free advice on their ***soil*** needs," said Calvina Osburn, administrative assistant of Garfield County Conservation District.

SHIP invites applications from producers interested in 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. The application window is open to March 1.

With a comprehensive review process, the OCC aims to represent producers from conservation districts across the state in this endeavor.

For more information, contact the Garfield County Conservation District, 1216 W Willow, Suite D or call (580) 237-4321, extension 3.

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