

SIO Financial Support and Subsidy Programs

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Available Subsidies

The Saudi Irrigation Organization offers multiple financial support programs to encourage water-efficient agriculture and sustainable farming practices.

1. Irrigation Efficiency Subsidy

SIO subsidizes up to 70% of costs for farmers upgrading to efficient irrigation systems. Eligible systems include drip irrigation, sprinkler systems, and smart irrigation controllers. Maximum subsidy: 50,000 SAR per farm. Minimum farm size: 5 hectares. Limited to one subsidy per farm every 5 years.

Application Process - Irrigation Subsidy

Step 1: Obtain quotes from SIO-approved irrigation suppliers. Step 2: Submit online application at sio.gov.sa/subsidies with farm ownership certificate and system quote. Step 3: Receive approval notification within 15 business days. Step 4: Install system within 90 days of approval. Step 5: Submit installation certificate and photos. Step 6: Receive reimbursement via bank transfer within 30 days.

2. Crop Diversification Support

Financial support for farmers transitioning to water-efficient crops. Drought-resistant varieties: up to 20,000 SAR. Organic farming transition: up to 25,000 SAR. Greenhouse installation: 60% cost subsidy (max 100,000 SAR). Eligibility: minimum 3 hectares, active SIO account in good standing, minimum 2 years farming experience.

3. Smart Technology Adoption

Subsidies for adopting smart farming technology: soil moisture sensors (80% subsidy, max 10,000 SAR), weather stations (70% subsidy, max 15,000 SAR), automated irrigation controllers (75% subsidy, max 12,000 SAR). Installation and training included. Technical support provided for first year.

4. Small Farmer Support Program

Special program for farms under 10 hectares. Higher subsidy rates: up to 85% for irrigation upgrades. Priority processing for applications. Free technical consultations. Flexible payment terms for customer portion. Dedicated support hotline: +966-11-4567899.

Required Documentation

All subsidy applications require: valid Saudi ID or business license, farm ownership certificate or long-term lease (minimum 5 years remaining), SIO customer account in good standing, detailed project plan with quotes, recent farm photos, and bank account information for reimbursement.

Contact Information

Subsidy inquiries: subsidies@sio.gov.sa | Phone: +966-11-4567895 | Visit your regional SIO office for in-person consultations. Office hours: Sunday-Thursday 8 AM - 3 PM.