

FDACS Citrus Grove Renovation/Re-establishment Support Program

\$5.5 Million

\$3.0 M - Specifically for Implementation within the Northern Everglades (NEEPA)

\$2.5 M - Implementation in Citrus Areas Statewide (outside NEEPA)

This program is specifically to assist growers who intend to make the investment to re-establish citrus groves.

PURPOSE: To support the citrus industry by providing cost-share on improvements in irrigation and nutrient management for re-planting or re-establishing groves.

To qualify:

- Producer must have history of citrus production since at least 2008
- Producer must be enrolled in the OAWP Citrus BMP program
- Producer must have documentation of purchase of tree seedlings for replanting
- Proposed projects must be a minimum of 10 acres
- Proposed projects must consist of complete replanting in project blocks
- Producer must agree to perform Implementation Assurance evaluation at end of period, including Mobile Irrigation Lab evaluation
- Grove operator must have a DPI Compliance Agreement (grower/caretaker compliance agreement).
- Practices must be designed and installed to NRCS Standards and Specifications, as applicable
- Project must be able to be completed on or before June 30, 2017
- \$250,000 cap for cost share portion of projects per producer/property owner

Cost Share will at 75% reimbursement for eligible practices and improvements. Engineering and design costs will be reimbursed at 100%. Project costs can be split with other programs (WMD programs, EQIP) if available in project area, as long as total combined reimbursement does not exceed 75% of eligible project costs.

Example Cost Shared Items:

- Stormwater management improvements and upgrades, must include tailwater recovery if on flatwoods soils (footprint of ponds can be used as in-kind cost share)
- Treatment system for stormwater/tailwater for FSMA requirements
- Nutrient Management - Fertigation/Acid Systems; variable rate applicators
- Irrigation systems/components necessary for replanting, must include under tree microjets/drip– may include variable rate pumps, automation, weather stations, soil moisture sensors
- Other practices and improvements that can be shown to improve nutrient management and irrigation management and that will meet the goals of the applicable BMAP

Complete proposals must include project plans, timing for implementation, verification of replacement trees on order and 2 quotes for cost share being requested. Standard cost share agreement provisions are applicable to these projects.

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