

CRAFT Existing Tree Therapy Program Rules

Eligibility Requirements for CRAFT growers

1. The CRAFT applicant/participant must be a commercial grower located in the state of Florida.
2. The CRAFT applicant/participant must be the grower/entity listed by the county property appraiser as owner of the intended CRAFT project property.
3. Grower must begin approved therapy/treatment no earlier than January 1, 2023 and no later than December 31, 2023.
4. Applicant must apply online through USDA data portal with receipt by CRAFT by 5:00 p.m., August 30, 2023.
5. Grower must agree to execute a contract with terms and conditions that include a therapy/treatment project approved by the CRAFT Board of Directors.

Eligibility of Grove Property for CRAFT Project

1. Proposed treated grove blocks must be at least 10 contiguous acres and maximum of 250 acres. For smaller growers, less than 10 acres will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All citrus production regions of Florida are eligible. Entities may have multiple approved projects but may not exceed 500 acres cumulative.
2. Property must be enrolled in Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Best Management Practices (water quality) or Notice of Intent issued. (For assistance in enrollment call 850-688-6859 or state program number.)
3. Your grove must have a taxpayer parcel I.D. number(s) from the Florida county property appraiser.
4. Projects must be completed on existing plantings.
5. Proposed treated grove blocks may not be currently enrolled in any other cycle of CRAFT.
6. Participants will develop plans to compare one or a series of eligible treatments to the grower standard (without therapeutic treatment) on each site approved. Adjacent paired blocks may be proposed to serve as grower standard. A minimum of 10 trees must be utilized to serve as a control.

Eligibility of Approved Therapies

1. Test Factors for Grower Selection include but are not limited to:
 - a. Giberellic Acid
 - b. 2-4D
 - c. Brassinosteroid
 - d. Direct systemic injection of approved antimicrobials (oxytetracycline)
2. Other HLB therapies may be suggested by applicant and will be reviewed by the CRAFT Board of Directors for relevance prior to final selection of applications to be approved for the Program.
3. Participants will develop plans to compare one or a series of eligible treatments to the grower standard (without therapeutic treatment) on each site approved. Alternatively, adjacent blocks of

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similar age, variety and caretaking practices that are not being treated with the eligible treatment(s) may be proposed to serve as grower standard.

4. All treatments used under the program, including bactericides used for HLB disease management containing antibiotics as active ingredients, must and will be applied in the manner, frequency and at concentrations in accordance with the maximum label rate and will follow all other requirements on the label for use of such treatment(s).

Grower Data Entry Obligations

1. Growers must provide prior three years' historical production data including fruit yield and quality upon contract with CRAFT.
2. Annually, for a period of at least three years, growers are required to enter certain information related to treatment/therapy being used on the project. These are detailed on the contract document. All data entry will be through the CRAFT-USDA portal. Growers must download Survey 123 field application onto their computers, tablets, or mobile device for data entry. Assistance is available on a fee for service basis.
3. Growers must annually, for a period of at least three years, supply cost information related to treatment/therapy used on project grove.
4. Annual fruit production data, including fruit yield and quality, supported by trip tickets must be reported following protocols published by CRAFT and available online. This information will use commercial documents such as cannery and packing house reports, including fruit quality.

Access to grove property by CRAFT data partners; ownership of data and images

1. By agreeing to participate in the CRAFT program, the grower must grant reasonable access to the grove project for inspection, audit and data collection (including drone images to map and track annual growth and biomass). It is expected that all entry by CRAFT vendors will be prearranged with the grower and the grower is expected to cooperate.
2. All data and images collected from project are owned by CRAFT and are public record. Under the laws of the state of Florida such data and images will be publicly available in a data library through the USDA data management tool. CRAFT will also use the data in analysis and educational media.

Prerequisites to Receiving Payment

1. To be eligible for annual payment required data outlined in participation agreement must be entered and up to date in the CRAFT-USDA Portal and related claim forms must be submitted to CRAFT.
2. Check will be payable to the grove owner of record in the property appraiser records and sent via U.S. mail.
3. Growers will receive participation payments totaling \$350/acre over the course of the three year participation agreement.