

Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Layne and Laurie Thomas
Email:	3LTFarms@gmail.com
Phone Number:	352-494-8909
Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	21124 NW 29th Terrace Brooker, FL 32622 05453-000-000
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$2500.00
My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 (yes / no) YES	
AND (Please select one below)	
Between \$1,000 and \$75,000.	
Between \$75,001 and \$150,000.	
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The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years (yes / no) No, Have never received any Small Farmer Grant.	
The owner and operator of the farm/small producer operation is a black, women, indigenous, and or persons-of-color. (yes / no) Jointly with Spouse	
The owner and operator of the farm is a first-time applicant OR has not received a Small Farmer Grant award in the past two years. (yes/no) First Time Applicant	
If awarded the funding will only be used to purchase equipment or other capital investments that enhance the economic productivity of my operation. (yes / no) YES	

Explain what equipment is needed, its cost, how it will be utilized, and economic return to your operations.

If you have taken the Extension Office's Agricultural Entrepreneurial Series, please attach your Farm Plan. (5 bonus points)

Attach additional pages if needed.

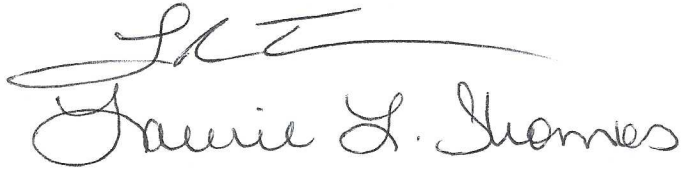
onTrak GPS System. Lightbar guidance system used to efficiently broadcast fertilizer, spray chemical, plant forages with minimal to no overlap. It allows for more precise application reducing the amount product used, which would help reduce runoff into the watershed. This system is portable and easily moved from one tractor/vehicle to another eliminating the need for multiple systems.

onTrak ION GPS guidance Lightbar \$1525.00

Rugged Tablet with Windows 10 Platform and associated mounting hardware to mount on tractor. Used \$500-\$900

The economic return comes from less product i.e. fertilizer and chemical, more efficient usage of the tractor which in turn should lower the diesel usage.

I certify that I am an Alachua County resident, have an agricultural exemption, and that all information in this grant application is true and correct. I understand that any errors, misrepresentations, or omissions in this application may result in the application not being considered, points reduced, or if discovered after the award, that the grant funds may be reimbursed to Alachua County.



Jamie L. Thomas