

Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Rebecca Farr
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Phone Number:	352-214-3097
Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	17927 SW 111th Avenue, Archer FL Parcel # 04678-000-000
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$5,000
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. X Between \$75,001 and \$150,000. Between \$150,001 and \$250,000.	
The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years (yes / no) NO	
The owner and operator of the farm/small producer operation is a black, women, indigenous, and or persons-of-color. (yes / no) YES	
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) YES	
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.

Twisted Palm Farm is a cow calf operation and hay producer. We would utilize the funds by building a hay barn. We currently cut and sell round bales of hay but only have tarps to cover the hay and this can result in mold and mildew and consequently loss of product that can be used or sold. Last year we cut approximately 400 bales of hay on property that we lease and own.

The hay barn would be a simple construction pole barn 40X60 foot with metal trusses to withstand Florida's humidity and a metal roof. The cost would be approximately \$8,000. This grant would be a significant help in being able to attain this goal.

At this time we also are storing hay on two different properties. This possibly would allow us to store all of the hay in one location, reducing the cost of fuel and travel.

I have taken the Extension Office's Agricultural Entrepreneurial Series in 2023. Please see the attached Farm plan for details of Twisted Palm Farm and our vision.

Thank you for considering my farm in the Small Farmer Grant project. I am eager and excited to hear from you in the future.

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.

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Business Plan
Twisted Palm Farm, LLC.
17927 SW 111th Ave
Archer, FL 32618
Owner Rebecca Farr

Executive Statement

Twisted Palm Farm is a small cow-calf operation and hay producer. We sell direct-to-consumer beef and hay. We are located on 76.5 acres in Archer FL which is about 15 miles west of Gainesville. We strive to provide the public with a quality product that has been produced with respect in regards to the animal, the land and the consumer.

Last spring we processed and sold three steers by way of beef shares and through a USDA facility direct-to-consumer cuts of beef. Our cows are pasture raised and grain finished. Grain finished on our farm is two feedings a day of a custom blend grain in addition to pasture at all times. At this time we have a total of 30 cows on the property and we are probably at the max of what the land will support. This includes 12 heifers, 10 calves and 8 yearlings.

Another intrigal part of the farm is hay production. We cut our hay on approximately 50 acres total. This includes 20 acres here on the farm in Archer and the rest is through leases we have obtained locally. We use our hay for our cattle in the winter and we sell the surplus to local farmers. This last year we processed roughly 400 large round bales of hay. We plan to increase our hay production by obtaining more leases and eventually acreage. We will need to build a hay barn within the year to store the hay appropriately. Currently we have purchased large banner tarps to cover the hay. Unfortunately although this does

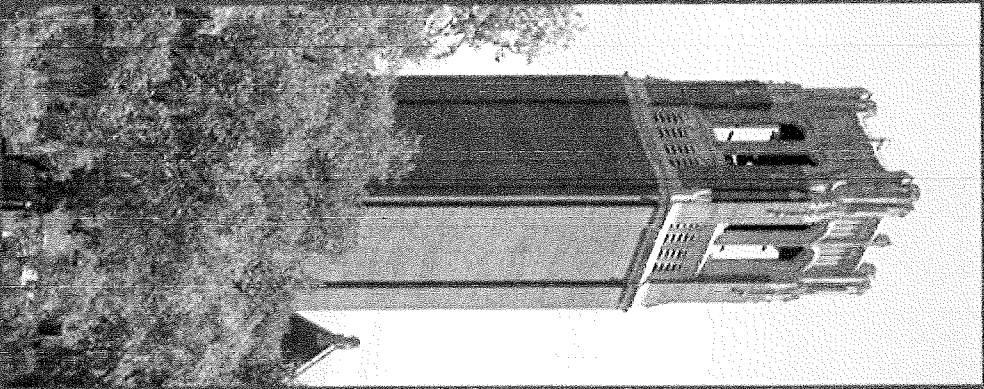
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Rebecca Farr

has completed the UF/IFAS Extension course
Farm Business Planning

for the program
Ag Entrepreneurship

on this date
August 28, 2023



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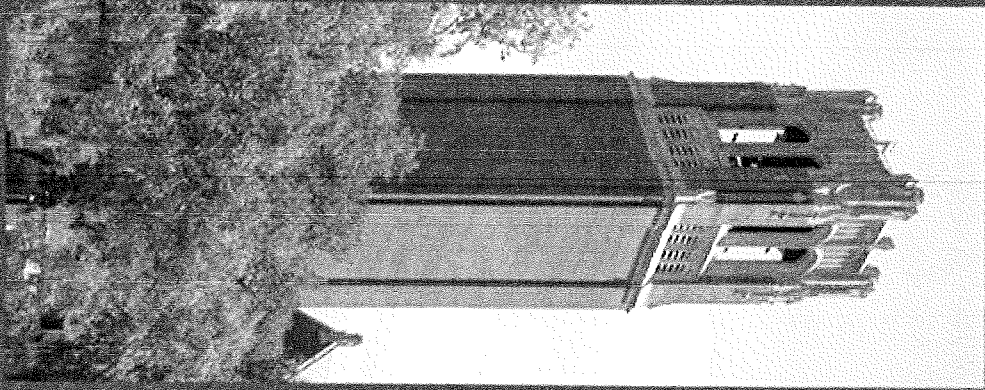
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November 3, 2023



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