



## Hydroponic Farmer Application

Dear Farmer,

Thank you for your enthusiasm in joining the [Coalition for Food Security](#) (CFS). We are energized to embark on this journey alongside 24 world-class farmers, collaborating to expand the adoption of hydroponic farming and grow high-quality, fresh foods for our communities. Your commitment to this endeavor humbles us, and together, we will pioneer the future where innovative, tech-enabled farming practices make food more accessible for all.

The CFS application process includes the following steps:

1. Fill out the eligibility screening and application form provided.
2. Upon invitation, participate in screening and final interviews.
3. Upon invitation, receive a preliminary offer letter to join the CFS.
4. Complete necessary CFS forms (NRCS-CPA-5, AD-106, AD-2047), obtain or share your Farm ID, and certify your work eligibility.
5. Begin growing with us!

### Eligibility Screening

Please confirm you can attest to the following criteria. We value your time and want to ensure it's utilized effectively! This eligibility screening outlines the requirements that must be met to participate in the Coalition for Food Security.

- Legally able to work in the United States
- Primary landowner or lien-holder of the proposed farming location
- Meet the following space and resource requirements:
  - 100 square feet with a height of 9 feet.
  - Indoor, temperature-controlled space **or** a greenhouse.
  - Connection to a dedicated 20 AMP breaker\* with direct input access to three (120V) receptacles on outlet(s). \*Note: In a greenhouse, lower AMP requirements may be acceptable.
  - Easy access to a water source, in a reasonable position for every other day use.
  - Access to the internet
- Ability to commit approximately 20 hours/month to farming activities including but not limited to seeding, transplanting, growing, harvesting, processing, sales and marketing, coalition meetings, and reporting activities.
- Can attend an in person kickoff training at Ponix HQ
- Have or are able to obtain a [Farm ID](#) number.

### Application Form

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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Address where your Ponix growing equipment will be located \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently a farmer?

If so - Tell us about your farm. How long have you been farming? What do you grow? Type of farm and how many acres?

If not - Why do you want to be a farmer? Tell us about the space you will dedicate to this project.



Please write a one-page statement about why you want to participate in the Coalition for Food Security.



If applicable, please insert a link to your LinkedIn profile.

### Demographic Data

To ensure inclusivity and effectiveness, the Coalition for Food Security prioritizes reaching a diverse range of individuals through this program. Please provide the demographic data below to the best of your ability.

Age range \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Race \_\_\_\_\_

The USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is committed to serving all farmers and ranchers, by statute, FSA targets a portion of all [Guaranteed loan](#) funds, [Direct Operating](#) and [Direct Farm Ownership](#) loan funds, Microloan funding, and Youth loans, to historically underserved farmers and ranchers. Please tell us if you belong to any of these groups:

- Women
- African-Americans
- Alaskan Natives
- American Indians
- Hispanics
- Asians
- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

### Required Forms

Once you have an offer from the CFS program, you will be asked to complete the following forms, obtain a [Farm ID](#), and certify your ability to work in the United States. Please download and complete the following forms to begin understanding them. We thank you in advance for the time and diligence taken to complete these forms; please remember, you only need to complete these forms after receiving an offer from us.

- [AD-106](#)
- [AD-2047](#)



- [Citizenship Affidavit](#)
- [Farm ID](#)

### **Legal Agreements**

As part of the Coalition for Food Security, you will enter into a legal agreement with Ponix. This agreement will cover liability, indemnification, equipment usage, participation requirements, and research protocols.

Please find the agreement [here](#).

### **To Submit**

Download your completed application and send it to [info@ponixfarms.com](mailto:info@ponixfarms.com) by the application deadline of August 1, 2024. Please include a current resume as an attachment.