

**NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE SALE BY
SEALED BIDS TO BE OPENED AT
2:00 P.M., February 21, 2024
Note: Mailed bids must be received by **February 20, 2024****

The Commission of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC), State of Oklahoma, invites sealed bids for an agricultural lease upon the following terms covering the tract(s) of land hereinafter described.

Terms of Lease: Lexington Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Lease # H1, and for a 1 crop year period. The lease will expire on September 20, 2024.

Bids shall be for cash and other considerations. All bids must be accompanied by a remittance in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of each bid as earnest money. The successful bidder will be allowed thirty (30) days from date of bid acceptance to pay the balance of the lease payment. Such bidder shall be liable for the full amount of the bid, provided that failure to comply with any of the terms thereof will be grounds for forfeiture of the earnest money as liquidated damages for such breach. Earnest money checks will be promptly returned to unsuccessful bidders. The ODWC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

LEASE CONDITIONS

1. The lessee may harvest only one (1) approved crop off each field during the annual crop year period, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions. Approved crops are listed in the lease.
2. The lessee will be required to plant ten percent (10%) of the lease acreage to a crop for ODWC use. The crop, its location and use will be determined by the ODWC representative, the lessee will not pay cash rent on such acreage.
3. The lessee may not use "cover strips" (as shown on attached maps) as turn rows, field roads or parking areas. These "cover strips" are areas identified by the ODWC representative to be left idle, not farmed for wildlife use.
4. Prior, written approval must be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for all "Restricted Use Pesticides". Prior, written approval must be obtained from ODWC for all "General Use Pesticides".
5. Native grass hay (prairie hay) can only be cut during July. All other hay crops, except alfalfa, can only be cut from July 1 - September 1, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions. Alfalfa may be cut as needed to maintain the crop, unless special restrictions apply and are listed in the lease provisions.
6. Crop residues cannot be baled, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions.
7. Wheat and oat residues may be cultivated after harvest of the crop, unless stated otherwise in the lease provisions. All other crop residues cannot be cultivated before February 1, except corn and grain sorghum residues which may be chisel plowed one (1) time prior to February 1, unless special restrictions apply and are listed in the lease provisions.
8. The lessee is responsible for excluding livestock from all planting. Grazing is prohibited unless it is included in lease provisions.
9. Soil tests are recommended on all fields and minimum fertilization rates are to be applied on all planting. Costs of such tests shall be borne by the lessee.
10. The lessee will be responsible for reporting all crop acreage to the county CFSA office. Lessee may enroll in government farm programs on his/her portion (90% of the total lease acreage) of the lease.
11. The lessee shall repair any damage to ODWC roads, gates and/or facilities resulting from his/her operations.
12. The lessee shall burn no grassland, crop residue, weed patches, fence rows, dead timber or any other material on the lease area without prior approval from the ODWC representative.
13. The lessee shall maintain the lease area free of litter and other solid waste resulting from his/her agricultural operations.
14. The right is hereby reserved to representatives of the ODWC to enter upon the lease area at any time for any purpose necessary or convenient for the conduct of activities related to the primary purpose of the WMA. The lessee shall have no claim for damages of any character on account thereof against the ODWC or any representative thereof.
15. Hunters and other consumptive and non-consumptive users of the lease area shall be granted free foot access at all times, provided that such use does not significantly damage the lessee's crops.
16. Agricultural operations shall not be conducted during any restricted periods including: No restrictions before lease expiration date.
17. The lessee shall neither transfer nor assign this lease, nor sublet the demised premises or any part thereof, nor grant any interest, privilege or license whatsoever in connection with this lease.
18. The lessee shall cut no standing timber; conduct no mining operations; remove no sand, gravel or kindred substances from the ground except in the exercise of mineral rights heretofore reserved to the record owner thereof; commit no waste of any land; or in any manner substantially change the contour or conditions of the property except changes for soil and water conservation practices approved by the ODWC.
19. At the discretion of the ODWC Director, a lease may be terminated at any time for failure to comply with any of the terms, conditions, or provisions; for the violation of any rule or regulation in force on the WMA by the lessee or his/her agent or representative; or for a violation of a fish or wildlife regulation by the lessee resulting in a conviction. In case of such termination, no remission or charges shall be made against the ODWC or any representative thereof.

LEASE DESCRIPTION

WMA: LEXINGTON WMA

Lease: # H1

Located in Portions of: Sec. 25, T-7-N, R-1-E

Cleveland Co. OK

Location:(Map attached) approximately 1/4 miles south of Intersection @ 192nd St. & Duffy Rd. Lexington, Okla.

Approved Crops: Alfalfa Hay ONLY

Field#/Acres - Total Acres: Sec. 25 #1 = 12.6 acres, #2 = 5.7 acres, Total Acres = 18.3

Crop Information: Planted at 20 lbs. per acre on October 2, 2023 with "Roundup Ready" alfalfa. Fields were soil tested using OSU Extension Soil Tests. Fields were limed and fertilized accordingly: 1.3 tons per acre of 70% ECCE Ag lime, 114 lbs. per acre of 18-46-0 and 95 lbs. per acre of 0-0-60.

LEASE PROVISIONS

1. The field listed in this lease is for alfalfa hay cutting only.
2. The lessee may harvest alfalfa hay any time they see fit during the lease term. If conditions allow, lessee may harvest alfalfa multiple times before lease ends.
3. The lessee will not be required to leave 10% for this lease and will be required to pay the annual bid rate for 100% of the leased acres.
4. Planting and/or harvesting of any other crop, including native grass hay is prohibited.
5. Field will be maintained with herbicide and pesticide, as needed, by the ODWC. Lessee is prohibited from using any herbicide or pesticide on this lease. Initial plans by ODWC are to spray field one time to control cool season grasses (January to March time frame). If conditions warrant, a second spraying may be done during the lease period by ODWC to control warm season grasses.
6. **Haying operations will not take place after the lease ends on September 20. This includes hauling bales. If bales are not removed prior to the end of the lease, lessee must coordinate with area contact before accessing the land for removal of bales.**

LEASE BIDDING PROCEDURES

All bids must be signed and 25% of the bid total must be remitted with the bid. All bids must be sealed in an envelope with the date of the bid opening (February 21, 2024), the lease name (Lexington WMA H1) plainly written on the front of the envelope.

Note: Mailed bids must be received by February 20, 2024.

NOTE: Improperly marked envelopes may be rejected. All bids must be mailed to the **Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Attn: Russ Horton, Assistant Chief/Bid Opening, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 53465, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.** No bids will be accepted after 2:00 P.M. on the opening date. For additional information contact the ODWC representative, Cameron Gammill at 405-823-8714.

NOTE: THIS SECTION IS TO BE FILLED IN BY THE LEASE BIDDER

Minimum Bid Required: \$ 35.00 / Acre ODWC Acres(10%): 0.0

Bid(\$)/Acre x Acres Bid on = Total Bid(\$)
\$ _____ x 18.3 = \$ _____

Earnest Money: Total Bid(\$) x 25% = Amount(\$) Submitted with Bid
\$ _____ x .25 = \$ _____

If lessee plans to operate with other individuals these names must be included to authorize their participation/communication with FSA and insurance. Only include names you wish to give this authority to, otherwise leave this section blank.

Print names of all persons to be included on the lease:

******REQUIRED******

Bidder contact information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

BIDDER SIGNATURE DATE BIDDER PRINTED NAME

ODWC SIGNATURE DATE

NOTE: If awarded the lease, this document will serve as the Lease Agreement.

Alfalfa Hay Lease Map

Write a description for your map.

Legend

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