



12 Things You Need Before You Pay Your First Grower

Sending a check to the wrong person, the wrong account, or the wrong acreage is expensive and awkward. This checklist saves you the embarrassment (and the clawback email).

Before You Enroll

- ☐ Eligibility criteria written down, not just "in someone's head"
- ☐ A single digital application that every applicant fills out the same way
- ☐ A way to catch duplicate or ineligible applicants before they're approved

Before You Verify

- ☐ Geotagged, timestamped photos are required as proof of practice or participation
- ☐ A clear owner for reviewing verification evidence (not "whoever has time")
- ☐ A defined process for what happens when verification fails

Before You Pay

- ☐ Grower banking/payment details collected once, stored securely, reused every cycle
- ☐ A payment method that fits your growers (direct deposit, payment card, check)
- ☐ A way to track disbursement status per grower, per milestone, not a shared spreadsheet

Before You Report

- ☐ An audit-ready record tying each payment to its eligibility and verification evidence
- ☐ A standardized export your funder or auditor can actually read
- ☐ A record of who approved each payment and when

If you checked fewer than 9 boxes, your first payment cycle is going to cost you more time than it should.

Before you send the first check, see how FarmRaise keeps enrollment, verification, and payments in one audit-ready system.

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