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# THE OKLAHOMA LAND & ACREAGE SELLER GUIDE

A practical marketing and preparation guide for rural homes, hobby farms, ranches, hunting land, and investment acreage.

**You do not have to repair every fence line or know every answer before calling. Austin helps identify what land buyers care about, what should be documented, and how to market the property for what it actually is.**

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# What are you really selling?

Marketing must match the land's strongest practical use.

## Home on acreage

Residence quality, road access, utilities, shops, setting, privacy, and manageable upkeep.

## Hobby farm / homestead

Small-livestock setup, gardens, barns, surface water, fencing, storage, and practical layout.

## Cattle ranch

Net grazeable acres, forage types, dependable water points, cross-fencing, corrals, hay storage, and seasonal access.

## Horse property

Safe fencing, barns and stalls, arena footing, trailer access, drainage, pasture, turnout, and hay storage.

## Hunting / recreation

Habitat, cover, natural water, food plots, game and management history, trails, access, and neighboring pressure.

## Hay / crop ground

Soil capability, yield history, field shape, drainage, terraces, equipment access, leases, and input history.

## Investment / development

Road frontage, legal access, utility-extension feasibility, restrictions, income, holding costs, and subdivision potential.

**The same acreage may appeal to several buyers, but the marketing should lead with the use best supported by the property and evidence.**

# Documentation creates confidence

Verifiable information reduces uncertainty and limits the buyer's ability to treat every unknown as a problem.

- Deed, legal description and survey: Gather ownership documents, the recorded description, available surveys, known pins, and access information.
- Title and easements: Collect shared-road agreements, utility or pipeline easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, and known title concerns.
- Water systems: Document available well depth, pump age, testing or yield information, rural-water meter status, ponds, and livestock-distribution lines.
- Septic: Locate the system and gather type, DEQ or installation records when available, maintenance, pumping, and repair history.
- Utilities: Identify electric provider and service, internet availability at the exact property, and propane-tank ownership or lease.
- Leases and production: Gather written grazing, farming, hunting, residential, mineral, solar, or equipment leases and supporting production records.
- Conservation programs: Identify USDA or other agreements, payments, obligations, easements, and transfer requirements, including CRP or EQIP when applicable.

**Do not wait until every record is found before calling. Austin will help prioritize which documents matter most for your property.**

# Turn features into understandable value

Rural buyers need to see how the property works, not merely hear that improvements exist.

## Legal versus physical access

Confirm that the recorded or public access relates to the physical route. Explain road surfaces, shared maintenance, culverts, bridges, low-water crossings, gate widths, and equipment access.

## Boundary clarity

Do not advertise fences or online overlays as exact legal boundaries unless supported by an acceptable survey prepared by a licensed surveyor. Address known encroachments or disputes early.

## Fencing and gates

Describe perimeter and cross-fencing type, condition, corners, posts, gates, energizers, livestock suitability, and recent work.

## Working facilities

Explain corrals, alleys, pens, crowding or sweep areas, chutes, loading, water, power, access, and actual function.

## Barns and shops

Provide sizes and useful details on construction, floors, doors, stalls, ventilation, storage, power, water, and condition.

## Roads and crossings

Show drainage, gravel, culverts, bridges, private-road obligations, and weather limitations honestly.

# Market evidence, not folklore

Avoid unsupported statements such as “runs 50 cows” or guaranteed hunting income.

- Calculate net grazeable acreage rather than relying on total acreage
- Identify dominant forage such as Bermuda, native bluestem, or fescue, plus weed and fertility history
- Provide actual historic stocking, cattle class, grazing months, rotation, drought adjustments, and supplemental hay or feed needs
- Document hay or crop acreage, yields, field use, operator history, leases, terraces, drainage, and production expenses when relevant
- Organize hunting habitat, water, food plots, cover, trail-camera or harvest history, management, access, and neighboring pressure
- Support rental, grazing, farming, hunting, storage, or other income with written agreements, payment history, expenses, and transfer terms
- Use a qualified forester when timber value materially affects the asking price rather than estimating merchantable timber by eye

**Complete context makes a claim more credible: what was produced, for how long, in what weather, with what inputs, and under what management?**

# Improve clarity without overspending

Make the property easier to understand and inspect while preserving its real character.

- Clear safe drive paths to representative fields, wells, corrals, ponds, crossings, timber trails, barns, and other key features
- Remove dead equipment, tires, hazardous debris, scrap, and avoidable clutter that distract from the land
- Make the entrance, address, gates, driveway, and showing route easy to identify
- Repair simple gate, fence, sign, lighting, or access issues that undermine confidence
- Secure livestock, pets, tenants, equipment, chemicals, firearms, medication, documents, and valuables
- Use a labeled reference map for features and showing routes while distinguishing it from a legal survey
- Price beyond raw acreage by considering usable ground, water, fencing, soils, terrain, utilities, access, restrictions, improvements, income evidence, and demand
- Compare the likely return before heavily clearing land, replacing fence, renovating barns, or making speculative improvements

**Price per acre is a comparison tool, not the full valuation. A smaller property with dependable water, useful improvements, and more usable ground may outperform a larger problem tract.**

# Make buyers understand the property

A strong visual package should be paired with accurate information and a realistic route to closing.

- Use high-resolution ground photography, appropriate aerial or drone media, and reference maps that do not imply survey accuracy
- Explain primary use, water, access, utilities, improvements, production, leases, restrictions, and buyer-verification items clearly
- Target the likely audience through MLS, rural and land buyers, agent outreach, social content, signs, and property-specific promotion
- Plan showings around gates, livestock, tenants, weather, mud, hunting seasons, biosecurity, equipment access, and enough time to see the land
- Compare price and estimated net alongside financing, earnest money, survey responsibility, inspections, appraisal risk, soil or environmental review, leases, and possession
- Do not assume cash is automatically better or land-bank or Farm Credit financing is automatically weaker; evaluate each buyer's readiness and the entire offer
- Address cattle, crops, hunting, tenants, equipment, leases, cleanup, keys, gates, and possession in the contract rather than relying on assumptions

**The strongest offer balances a good net with manageable due diligence, acceptable risk, and a realistic path to closing.**

YOUR NEXT MOVE

# Sell the property for what it really is

Austin combines residential experience, an MBA, and daily work with cattle and land to position rural property clearly and manage the details through closing.

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## Helpful starting points

Oklahoma DEQ On-Site Sewage: [oklahoma.gov/deq/divisions/ecls/on-site-sewage-programs](https://oklahoma.gov/deq/divisions/ecls/on-site-sewage-programs)  
USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey: [websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov](https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov)  
Oklahoma Water Resources Board: [owrb.ok.gov](https://owrb.ok.gov)

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