**Watkins Agricultural Services, LLC**

Self-Employment

Benefits and Tribulations



**Independence, Control and Freedom**

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| Financial Rewards | Financial Risks |
| Increased Individual Value | No Free Benefits |
| Taxes | Taxes |
| Clientele Selection | Securing Clientele |
| Self-Branded | Reduced Security |
| Continuing Education | 8-5 Does not Exist |
|  | Payroll |

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As an up and coming PhD graduate, from Oklahoma State University, it is my desire to own my own Agricultural Development and Consulting Company. After, working in the university systems for a combined 7 years, between Oklahoma State University and the University of Maryland, College Park, I believe I can provide a great deal of support and knowledge to the Agricultural Community. The benefits of self-employment in this industry will provide me the flexibility to promote techniques and products that are truly added value for the producers, will help to improve their agricultural operations, all while reducing environmental impacts. Being independent and self-employed will provide me the freedom to speak the truth and **my opinion** without association. However, with this freedom come the risks associated with self-employment. When self-employed you are the judge, jury and executioner and will succeed or fail by your own choices.