

May 2020 Funding Updates

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Healthy Soils Program

- The CDFA will stop accepting new applications for the Healthy Soils Incentives Program on Friday, May 15, because they have received so many applications already.
- Applicants should hear soon about the status of their applications.
- Reach out to Shulamit Shroder (sashroder@ucanr.edu or 661-903-9442) if you have questions about how to proceed and how to implement your project.

Great Plates Delivered

- The state of California is looking to feed vulnerable adults and to help the restaurant industry by paying restaurants to provide meals to seniors and adults with health conditions.
- The state is also looking to source the produce for those meals from local farms, so if you have suffered from the loss of farmers' markets or restaurants, this program could help.
- If you are interested in participating, fill out this form: <https://state-of-california-agency.forms.fm/great-plates-delivered-food-provider-interest-form/forms/7917/responses/new>
- Kern County is one of the counties participating in this new program.

Small Business Emergency Loans

- The Small Business Agency (SBA) will begin accepting new Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance applications on a limited basis only, in order to provide unprecedented relief to U.S. agricultural businesses. The application is available at: www.SBA.gov/Disaster.
- At this time, only agricultural business applications will be accepted due to limitations in funding availability and the unprecedented submission of applications already received.

San Joaquin Orchards Soil Health Project

- The East Stanislaus RCD (ESRCD) was recently awarded a grant to participate in the new NRCS CIG On-Farm Trials with the project *Soil Health Management Systems for Orchards in California's Central Valley*.
- Interested in participating?

- Orchards must meet the following criteria:
 - Approximately 100 acres or more
 - Apply as a Trial site that implements soil health practices for 5 years, or as a Control that will not implement said practices for 5 years, or both (200+ acres)
 - Counties: Fresno; Kern; Kings; Madera; Merced; San Joaquin; Stanislaus; and Tulare
- **The application window closes on May 31st and a site visit must be scheduled no later than May 16th with Jeff Borum.** Please reach out to Jeff Borum at 951-790-8639 or soilhealth@eaststanrcd.org to schedule a site visit, or go to www.eaststanrcd.org/orchard for more information.

Farm Stand Map

- Do you have a farm stand? Would you like to be included on a map of local farm stands so that local residents can visit your stand and enjoy fresh produce instead of making a trip to a grocery store?
- If so, reach out to Shulamit Shroder (sashroder@ucanr.edu, 661-903-9442).



Wildflowers in Kern County. Photo by Joshua Canepa.