

# **DROUGHT RESOURCES** *for* *Farmers & Ranchers in Marin and Sonoma*

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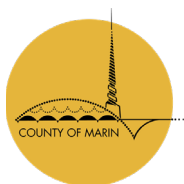
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# RESOURCES *in Marin County*



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- WEBSITE:** [malt.org/stewardship-assistance-draws-initiative](http://malt.org/stewardship-assistance-draws-initiative)
- RESOURCES:** Helps Marin ranchers and farmers invest in drought-resilient practices and projects through its Drought Resilience & Water Security initiative.
- Supports MALT easement properties in the implementation of projects that enhance soil and water quality through its Stewardship Assistance Program (SAP), a small grants program run through the Marin Resource Conservation District.
- Provides technical assistance to CDFA Healthy Soils Program applicants.
- Communicates available resources via the MALT blog on [malt.org](http://malt.org), e-newsletters, social media, website and directly to Marin agriculturalists.



- CONTACT:** Stefan Parnay, acting agricultural commissioner;  
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- WEBSITE:** [marincounty.org/depts/ag/drought-conditions-and-resources](http://marincounty.org/depts/ag/drought-conditions-and-resources)
- RESOURCES:** Coordinates with water agencies to provide access to non-potable raw water from metered hydrants below Nicasio Reservoir and Stafford Lake and access to other strategically located hydrants.
- Communicates with the Board of Supervisors and legislators to explain the severity of the drought, change drought status and provide aid.
- Offers a \$50,000 cost-share drought-relief program. Working on an additional \$150,000 that could be available beginning July 1, 2021.



**CONTACT:** Regina Pozzi, manager; [manager@marincfb.com](mailto:manager@marincfb.com); (415) 663-1231

**WEBSITE:** [marincountyfarmbureau.org](http://marincountyfarmbureau.org)

**RESOURCES:** Communicates to members about current resources available and advocate for members about current drought conditions.



**CONTACT:** Nancy Scolari, executive director; [nancy@marinrcd.org](mailto:nancy@marinrcd.org); (415) 663-1170 ext. 301

**WEBSITE:** [marinrcd.org/drought-assistance](http://marinrcd.org/drought-assistance)

**RESOURCES:** Will take names and needs for future grant funding opportunities.

Assists with CDFA Healthy Soils Program applications, which supports practices that increase soil-water holding capacity and climate resilience.



**CONTACT:** Vince Trotter, sustainable agriculture coordinator & agricultural ombudsman; [vtrotter@ucanr.edu](mailto:vtrotter@ucanr.edu); (415) 473-4204

**WEBSITE:** [growninmarin.org](http://growninmarin.org)

**RESOURCES:** Offers [growninmarin.org](http://growninmarin.org), a comprehensive resource for farmers and ranchers including best practices during a drought.

Educates and provides one-on-one technical assistance with advisors and specialists to producers weathering the drought.

In partnership with UCCE, Sonoma County, conducts drought-related workshops including information on financial relief and adaptation measures for agricultural operations.

# RESOURCES *in Sonoma County*



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- WEBSITE:** [goldridgercd.org](http://goldridgercd.org)
- RESOURCES:** Assists with conservation plans, helping producers apply to NRCS programs.
- Assists with applications to the CDFA Healthy Soils Program and Zero Food Print, which supports practices that increase soil-water holding capacity and resilience to climate fluctuations.
- Supports farmers and ranchers with water development engineering,



- CONTACT:** Andrew Smith, agriculture commissioner;  
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- WEBSITE:** [sonomacounty.ca.gov](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov)
- RESOURCES:** Conducts an agricultural loss survey to determine the extent and nature of crop loss due to the drought conditions in Sonoma County during the 2020-21 rainy season. The results of this survey may lead to additional assistance being made available to Sonoma County producers.
- Communicates to listserv about current resources available.



- CONTACT:** Sheri Emerson, stewardship manager;  
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- WEBSITE:** [sonomaopenspace.org](http://sonomaopenspace.org)
- RESOURCES:** Communicates available resources via e-newsletters, social media, website and directly to agriculture easement landowners.



**CONTACT:** Valerie Quinto, executive director;  
[vminton@sonomarcd.org](mailto:vminton@sonomarcd.org); (707) 569-1448 ext. 102

**WEBSITE:** [sonomarcd.org](http://sonomarcd.org)

**RESOURCES:** Assists with conservation plans, which helps producers apply to USDA NRCS programs.

Assists with water development engineering.

Gives advice about irrigation systems and scheduling methods.

Assists with applications to the CDFA Healthy Soils Program, which supports practices that increase soil-water holding capacity and resilience to climate fluctuations.

Connects producers with resources via e-newsletter, website and one-on-one referrals.



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**WEBSITE:** [ucanr.edu/droughtsonoma](http://ucanr.edu/droughtsonoma)

**RESOURCES:** [Matchgraze.com](http://Matchgraze.com) increases potential grazing acreage for producers and decreases fire danger.

Provides technical assistance to producers to declare losses.

Provides technical assistance to help producers with the CDFA Healthy Soils Program.

Measures forage production to provide data to drought programs.

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**WEBSITE:** [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov)

**RESOURCES:** Provides loans once drought is classified as D3, which will include payments for water hauling and forage losses.

Provides crop insurance for farmers and ranchers who needed to sign up previously to qualify.



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**WEBSITE:** [offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app](http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app)

**RESOURCES:** Provides technical assistance to farmers and ranchers.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides funding for livestock water and water system expansion, getting water to underutilized forage areas. Applications are competitive and accepted in batching periods; the next one is in June 2021.

Also offers a waiver process under EQIP where staff provides technical assistance, designs and specs but the producer is responsible for project implementation without being guaranteed EQIP funding. Environmental and cultural review is required.

[nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/programs/financial/eqip](http://nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/programs/financial/eqip)

# RESOURCES *general*

Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT):  
[calmit.unl.edu/drought](http://calmit.unl.edu/drought)

Current United States Drought Monitor Conditions — California:  
[drought.gov/states/california](http://drought.gov/states/california)

United States Drought Monitor Classifications:  
[droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About/AbouttheData/DroughtClassification.aspx)

More information on drought recovery programs:  
[climatehubs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA-USDM-2pager-web.pdf](http://climatehubs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA-USDM-2pager-web.pdf)