

Climate Smart Newsletter – November 2022

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NRCS Conservation Funding Assistance Deadline is approaching

\$63 million available for conservation practices on farms and ranches in California



Looking for technical or financial assistance to implement conservation practices in your field?

Your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff can help with their financial incentives programs like EQIP and CSP.

The [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP) provides financial assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits.

The [Conservation Stewardship Program](#), or CSP, pays producers for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities integrated within their agricultural operations.

NRCS also offers conservation technical assistance at no cost to give producers personalized advice and information, to help them make informed decisions.

While NRCS accepts applications for these programs year-round, interested applicants should apply before December 9, 2022. To find out more about the application process or to begin an application, please contact your local NRCS Service Center by [clicking here](#).

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Events at a Glance

November 14, 2022

Nitrogen and Irrigation Management Workshop

Location: UCCE Kern County, Bakersfield

[Agenda](#)

[Register here](#)

November 17, 2022

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

2022 Farmworker Women's Conference

Location: Visalia Convention Center, Visalia

Registration:

Contact Lali Moheno at 559-786-6224 or lmoheno@sbcglobal.net

November 17-18, 2022

2022 Latino Farmer Conference

Location: California Center for the Arts, Escondido

[Agenda](#)

[Register here](#)

Free mulch at Bakersfield Compost Facility

Mulch Giveaway - Bulk material available to haul

Mulching is a climate-smart practice that provides benefits such as:

- Increase soil moisture content
- Reduce water evaporation
- Prevent soil erosion
- Improve plant productivity and health
- Maintain or increase organic matter content



Metropolitan Recycling LLC in Bakersfield is giving away free mulch for farming, gardens, business and home. Their facility is located in 2601 S Mt Vernon Ave and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 07:00 AM to 03:30 PM.

For more information, call them at 661-835-8873.

Compost Connector – get compost at reduced prices

Compost Connector is a program that matches California farmers and ranchers with reduced-cost compost.

Compost is one of the most effective tools for soil restoration, drawing down atmospheric carbon and promoting healthy, fertile soil.



To qualify for the program, just fill out the Compost Connector form. It's free and will take roughly 10 minutes to complete.

Head to www.zerofoodprint.org/compost to learn more and submit a project.

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