



Happy New Year!

Hello to winter and the new year!



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Grant Opportunities! Zero Foodprint Restore Grant Opens January 15, 2025

Let's restore the climate together! Farmers and ranchers can receive up to \$25k to implement farm practices that sequester carbon. Applications will re-open in 2025.

Learn more here:
[Zero Foodprint Restore Grant](#)

Flood Recovery Resources

Heavy rainfall in early 2023 caused floodwater challenges for many of us in California's agriculture community. Following are relief and support resources available from state and federal partners:

[CDFA Flood Recovery Assistance](#)



Grant Opportunities! Valley Air Whole Orchard Recycling

Open while funding lasts!

The Ag Burn Alternatives Grant Program provides incentives to utilize an alternative practice for the disposition of agricultural material from orchard/vineyard removals as an alternative to open burning. In addition, the program provides incentives for the purchase of new agricultural wood-chipping equipment to chip orchard and vineyard removals located within the San Joaquin Valley. Complete applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available.

For more information, click the following link: [Compost Orchard/Vineyard Recycling](#) — Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for technical assistance!



California Dairy Campaign

The California Dairy Campaign has an excellent page summarizing grant and loan opportunities, as well as other loss assistance. Check it out here:

[California Dairy Campaign](#)



Grant Opportunities: CDFW Wolf Livestock Compensation Grants

"CDFW is now accepting applications for direct livestock loss compensation (Prong 1) as part of the Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program. Eligible applicants can submit a completed Livestock Loss Application form, found on the Department's Wolf Livestock Compensation Grant's page. Eligible applicants include livestock producers who have had "confirmed" or "probable" wolf depredations after July 1, 2024, as determined through an official investigation and documented by CDFW on a Livestock Loss Determination Form.

Due to the limited funds available to support the Wolf Livestock Compensation Program, CDFW is prioritizing direct loss compensation, at this time, and is not seeking applications for non-lethal deterrents (Prong 2) or pay for presence (Prong 3).

Applications and questions may be sent to wolfcompensation@wildlife.ca.gov
-Tulare County FB



[Learn More Here:](#)
[CDFW Wolf Livestock](#)
[Compensation](#)
[Grants](#)



California Department of
Fish and Wildlife

News Updates: California Guidance on Bird Flu for Workers & Employers

"The California Department of Health has recently released a document that addresses the most common questions and concerns regarding the H5N1 bird flu in dairy, poultry, and worker safety.

The most significant aspect of this document is that there have been no reported deaths in human cases. The symptoms have remained mild, the most common being an eye infection, and zero hospitalizations." -Kern County FB

[Learn More Here](#)



News Updates: Biden, Newsom Officials Announce New Water Delivery Rules

“California introduced new rules for its key water systems to balance the needs of cities, farms, and the environment. Urban areas and some farms will receive more water, while others, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley, will face reductions by almost 20% in dry years, with slighter cuts in wetter years. The state water board will soon vote on a plan to either increase Delta water flow requirements or have water users restore fish habitats through voluntary agreements.” – Kern County Farm Bureau

[Learn More Details Here](#)

News Updates: State Water Project Allocation Increases Following Recent Storms in Northern California

“The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has raised the 2025 State Water Project allocation to 15% of requested water, up from 5%, due to recent storms that increased rainfall and reservoir levels. These storms came after a dry start to the water year.

DWR emphasizes the importance of this update for planning but warns that dry conditions in Southern California and unpredictable weather could still affect water supplies. The State Water Project serves 27 million Californians, and water forecasts will be updated monthly, with the next update expected sometime this month.”
–Kern County Farm Bureau

[Learn More Details Here](#)



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Small Farm Alliance to Develop
Appropriate Technology

Join SF-ADAPT: Empowering Small Farms Through Innovation!

The Small Farm Alliance to Develop Appropriate Technology (SF-ADAPT) connects farmers, researchers, and technologists to create practical solutions for small- and medium-scale farms.

Why Join?

- **Innovate:** Partner with developers to trial new tech and improve farm practices.
- **Learn:** Attend workshops, earn CEUs, and explore tools at the Small Farm Tech Expo.
- **Connect:** Network with industry leaders and access travel stipends for key conferences.
- **Compete:** Participate in the annual Small Farm Innovation Challenge.
- **Share Tools:** Borrow equipment, attend hands-on demos, and receive training.

Get Involved!



Introducing Marisa Johnson, the Agricultural Outreach Specialist with UC Cooperative Extension

“The goal of this alliance is for Central Valley farmers to drive, shape, and inform the types of technology and on-farm tools that would be most useful and practical for small farms. We will regularly meet as a group to collaborate with fellow farmers, UC Extension staff, CAFF, and tech developers to get to practical technology solutions for small farms. We offer stipends for farmer participation as well.”

Interested farmers may reach Marisa at myjohnson@ucanr.edu or 530-750-1200 extension 1830 or visit their website at:

<https://www.f3local.org/sf-adapt>

Events this Month

No events at the moment.

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