



Happy Harvest!

Hi everyone!

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Dairy Advisor for Tulare & Kern Counties

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The California Water Board Puts Tule Subbasin on Probation

The State Water Resources Control Board has placed the Tule Subbasin on probation.

“Following a contentious hearing, local water agencies requested delays, while community members insisted on immediate action to tackle inadequate groundwater management. This new status introduces fees and reporting requirements for water extractors in the 476,000-acre region.”

–Kern County Farm Bureau

Learn more here:

[Tule Subbasin on Probation](#)



New Grant Opportunities! Zero Foodprint Compost Connector

Open while funding lasts!

"As a result of [State Bill 1383 implementation](#), California is ramping up compost production. Through Compost Connector, Zero Foodprint works with local jurisdictions to make the best use of this compost by directing it to farms and ranches where it can sequester carbon and promote healthy soil.

If you're a California farmer or rancher purchasing compost from an Zero Foodprint approved facility, you're eligible to apply for a Compost Connector grant."

For more information, click the following link: [Compost Connector – Zero Foodprint](#)
Please feel free to reach out with any questions or technical assistance!



AMMP is Open!



The application for this program is currently OPEN until 5:00 P.M. PT on Friday, October 18, 2024. Please refer to the link below to apply or reach out to Danielle Duyst at dduyst@ucanr.edu for assistance.

[AMMP Application](#)

New 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!



Dairy Plus is Open!



The Dairy Plus Program is now accepting grant applications until 5:00 P.M. PT on Friday, October 18, 2024.

The Dairy Plus Program is a new incentive program operating in alliance with CDFA's AMMP and DDRDP programs, which incentivize practices such as manure solids separation and creating ways to manage more manure in a dry form while reducing methane production.

[Dairy Plus Program](#)



Great Resource for Farmers: California Dairy Campaign

The California Dairy Campaign (CDC) is an organization of dairy producers who, by working together, can move the dairy industry to be more responsive to the needs of the family dairy farm in this state.

This website gives a wonderful overview of resources for all kinds of farming practices! Check it out here: [California Dairy Campaign](#)

Research Highlight of the Month: Dairy Research

California Dairy Research
Foundation: Science for a
Sustainable Future

Enjoy California Dairy Research's highlight of research articles concerning greenhouse gas emissions, mineral fertilizers, manure management, and more!

Indulge here:
[California Dairy Research
Foundation](#)



Events this Month

The Kern Subbasin Has a New Groundwater Sustainability Plan

The Central Subbasin will be hosting an in-person and virtual meeting on October 3rd from 2-4pm to discuss their new groundwater sustainability plan. The in-person meeting will be held at 3200 Rio Mirada Dr, Bakersfield, CA.

Thursday, October 3rd @2:00-4:00pm

Kern County Farm Bureau “2024 Bounty of Kern County” Event

The Kern County Farm Bureau’s annual Bounty of Kern County event is selling out fast! Get tickets today before they’re all gone!

Saturday, October 5th

Kern County Fair, Gate 40(1142 South P St)

[Sponsor Form](#)

Endangered Monarch Butterflies Webinar

The monarch butterfly is scheduled to be listed as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act in December 2024. Farm Bureau, in conjunction with Western Growers, and CAPCA will be hosting a webinar for growers to learn about the forthcoming listing as well as EPA’s Workplan to Protect Endangered Species and Threatened Species from Pesticides. The free webinar will be on October 8, 2024, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Tuesday, October 8th @9:00-10:00am

[Register Here!](#)

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Tulare County FFA Blue Jacket Applications available for Students

Applications are now available, click below to access the form. Students should apply by October 15, and expect to participate in an interview by zoom on Oct 28-29 to determine eligibility. Interviews are mandatory for consideration.

Apply by: October 15th
[FFA Blue Jacket Application](#)

The Modified Insects for Pest Management Workshop

Join the Department of Pesticide Regulation for a workshop to learn more about its planned approach for evaluating modified insects for pesticide registration.

The workshop, which will be held in Sacramento and is open to the public, will detail the department's scientific approach to evaluating safety and efficacy, using mosquitos as a case study.

The workshop will include a presentation and provide opportunity for attendees to ask questions during the event and provide written input following the workshop.

For more details, click the link below.

Thursday, October 30th @9:00am-11:30am
[Modified Insects for Pest Management Workshop](#)

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