



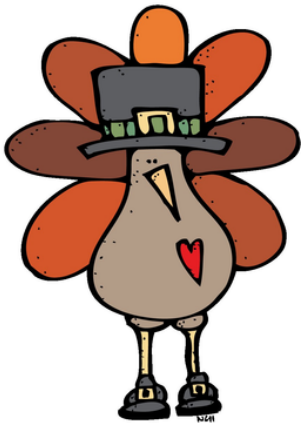
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Happy Autumn!

Hello to harvest, autumn, and Thanksgiving wishes!





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](#)

Farmer-Led Trials Program

Are you an organic or transitioning farmer or rancher who wants to test out a new agricultural practice on your farm?

OFRF's Farmer-Led Trials Program provides farmers with technical assistance and a small amount of funding to investigate and learn about solutions to their most pressing production challenges. Read more to find out how you can be part of this program!

Learn More Here:

[Farmer-Led Trials Program](#)



News Updates: USDA Announces \$7.7 Billion for Climate-Smart Agriculture Practices



“Earlier this month, the USDA announced \$7.7 billion to support voluntary conservation programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Most of the money comes from the Inflation Reduction Act, with some from the Farm Bill, and will help expand programs like the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. The NRCS also added 14 new activities to its Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Mitigation list.”

-Kern County Farm Bureau

[Learn More Here](#)

News Updates: The State Water Resources Control Board Reviews the Waste Discharge Requirements for Dairy Cow

“The State Water Board is returning the Dairy General WDRs for revisions and introducing new guidelines for controlling nitrogen discharges from dairies. These updated rules will apply to all dairies, both current and future, that are subject to the Central Valley Water Board’s authority.”

-Kern County Farm Bureau

[Learn More Here](#)

Events this Month

Pistachio Short Course

Sponsored by the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

DPR & CCA CEU's requested

Contact PJ Kelly ANR Program

530-750-1361 or click to [click here to register](#)

Pistachio Production Topics will be covered.

November 5-7, 2024

Visalia Convention Center

