

# Climate Smart Newsletter – January 2023

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### Events at a Glance

*January 12th at 09:00 AM*

#### **Irrigation Technology Workshop**

Tulare County Farm Bureau  
737 N. Ben Maddox Way  
Visalia, CA 93292

RSVP at [tcfb@tulcofb.org](mailto:tcfb@tulcofb.org)  
or call 559-732-8301

*January 18th  
08:00 AM – 05:00 PM*

#### **Statewide Pistachio Day**

Visalia Convention Center  
303 E Acequia Ave  
Visalia, CA

*January 20th at 8:30am*

#### **Spray Safe 2023**

Kern County Fairgrounds  
1142 S. P Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

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## Irrigation Technology Workshop

Free seminar on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Visalia

Tulare County Farm Bureau, The Well Bubbler, Rubicon, and SWAN Systems are hosting an informative workshop on groundwater measurement, new gravity/recharge irrigation efficiencies, and tools for irrigation and nutrient scheduling. Dairy operators, ranch managers and irrigation district operators are encouraged to attend. Breakfast will be included.



## Spray Safe 2023

Event to be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Kern County Fairgrounds



The 17th Annual Spray Safe is a free event that features a trade show, training workshops, complimentary breakfast and lunch, raffles and giveaways, and opportunities to earn CEUs. The goal of the event is to promote safety and best practices within the agricultural industry. Presentations will be in English and Spanish.



## UC SAREP Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems 2023-24 Small Grants Program

The grant proposal deadline is fast approaching!

The program funds research projects, education and demonstration programs of research-based technologies and systems, and projects that support the **development of sustainable community food systems**. Individual grants will be limited to a maximum of \$10,000, with one Applied Research Grant awarded up to \$20,000. Proposal deadline: January 10th, 2023, 12:00 pm PST.

### Eligible applicants

- farm or food system businesses operating in California
- non-profit, tax-exempt organizations operating in California
- state and local government agencies
- tribal governments
- California public and private institutions of higher education

### Proposal Categories

Proposals are requested for three types of projects:

- 1. Planning Grants**  
Intended to support processes that bring together diverse stakeholders to plan for larger, more complex research and outreach projects for which larger funds are being sought.
- 2. Education and Outreach Grants**  
Educational events, materials and outreach components of research projects.
- 3. Applied Research Grants**  
Intended to fund original, applied research in the Program Priority Areas. Research projects should include an outreach component.

### Program priority areas

1. Support California's farmers, ranchers, and land stewards of all scales in identifying, piloting, and transitioning to:

- environmentally regenerative approaches to producing crops and livestock (e.g. soil health, organic practices, IPM, crop diversification);
- pathways for realizing economic return from ecologically-sound crop management practices and fair labor practices;
- marketing and distribution strategies that support diversified, decentralized, and locally self-organized supply chains;
- strategies that promote producer-to-producer and producer-to-supply chain networking

2. Support California's rural, urban, and Tribal communities to identify, implement, and evaluate strategies to:

- expand access to healthy, sustainably produced, culturally appropriate foods;
- ensure worker well-being across the food chain;
- minimize the community and environmental costs of food production and distribution;
- strengthen connections between consumers and producers;
- establish producer-to-producer and producer-to-supply chain connections.

To see previously funded projects: <https://sarep.ucdavis.edu/ucsarep-grants>

For more information and to apply: <https://sarep.ucdavis.edu/grantsFY23-24>

## Statewide Pistachio Day

Join this UC Cooperative Extension event on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at Visalia Convention Center

[Pistachio Day](#) delivers the latest research-based production practices to prospective or current growers, production managers, and pest control consultants so they are better able to achieve their pistachio growing goals.



The diverse program will include an industry overview as well as sessions on various important topics within the areas of Food Safety and Regulations, Horticulture Science, and Integrated Pest Management.

To register to the event [click here](#).

Happy New Year! – Feliz año nuevo!

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