

Climate Smart Newsletter - February 2023

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Events at a Glance

February 14 - 16
World Ag Expo 2023
 International Agri-Center
 Tulare, CA

[Register here](#)

February 26 - March 6
California Small Farm Conference
 Hybrid event

[Register here](#)

The Small Farm Conference is back!

Celebrating 35 years of bringing small farms together

The 35th annual California Small Farm Conference is a hybrid event featuring 50 online workshops and in-person gatherings throughout the state.



Come explore ecological farming techniques, small business management, the most pressing social issues in local food, and so much more! Admission is on a sliding scale.

SWEEP Southern Desert Region Pilot grant: 17 projects awarded



State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program

The [California Department of Food and Agriculture \(CDFA\)](#) is pleased to announce the projects selected for [State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Southern Desert Region Pilot \(SWEEP\)](#) grant awards.

This pilot program targeted at agricultural areas located in in the **southern desert region**, a region defined as Imperial County and Riverside County, east of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. Due to the unique water distribution and energy systems of the region, it has historically received low levels of funding from regular SWEEP solicitations.

17 agricultural operations have been selected to receive funding, totaling \$2.7 million. These projects will improve crop irrigation systems, resulting in an estimated 48,500 acre-feet of water savings over the course of 10 years. The list of awarded projects is available [here](#).

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.

- [Disaster Assistance to Farmers and Livestock Producers](#)
- [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#)
- [Federal Disaster Loans for Businesses, Private Nonprofits, Homeowners, and Renters](#)

For the full list of resources, visit the following website:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FloodRecovery/>

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