

Climate Smart Newsletter - April 2023

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The recent atmospheric river events have severely impacted many Tulare County towns. Flooding has left low-income and disadvantaged communities in an even more vulnerable situation. Our most sincere support goes to the families, farms and businesses in Alpaugh, Allensworth and everyone that has been impacted by these events.

Events at a glance

[The Grower Experience with Groundwater Recharge Workshop](#)

April 12. Organized by
Madera/Chowchilla RCD

Site #1: 9:00am - 10:30am
26424 Avenue 8,
Madera, CA 93637

Site #2: 11:00am -
12:00pm
Avenue 11 1/2 & Road 23,
Madera, CA 93637

[Register here](#)

[San Joaquin Valley Winegrowers Association:](#)

Interested in implementing soil health practices? Apply to Restore Grant now!

Grant funds up to \$25,000 for farmers and ranchers.
Applications will be accepted through July 20th.



Zero Foodprint is private funding available for farmers/ranchers to improve soil health and sequester carbon on working landscapes. They are offering up to \$25,000 to producers interested in implementing healthy soil practices on their property through the **Restore Grant Program**.

[Spring Field Day](#)

Topic: Vineyard Pest and
Disease Management
After a Wet Winter

April 12, 9:00am -
12:00pm

Biscay Family Vineyards,
6382 Golden State Blvd.
Madera, CA 93637.

[Register here](#)

[Garden Fest 2023](#)

April 15, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Bakersfield College
Panorama Campus,
Renegade Park

[Crop Manage Workshop and In- field training](#)

April 19, 8:00am -
12:30pm

Lunch provided

UC Kearney Ag Research
and Extension Center
9240 South Riverbend
Ave, Parlier, CA 93648

[Register here](#)

[Financial Resiliency for the Family Ranch workshop](#)

April 19, 10:00am –
3:00pm

Lunch provided

UCCE Kern County
1031 S. Mt Vernon Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307

This grant funds many of the same practices as the CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive Program. You may apply to both programs as long as they are for different practices.

Practices include:

- compost application
- cover cropping
- prescribed grazing
- hedgerow establishment
- and more!

Why should I apply for the Restore Grant?

- The application process for this grant is fairly simple and should take about 30 - 60 minutes.
- The projects selected for funding will get notified by the end of August.
- If you aren't selected for an award, Zero Foodprint will keep your application for future funding opportunities.
- The reimbursement process will be faster than with other incentive programs.
- Working with a Technical Assistance Provider is required for the submittal of the application. **UC ANR Community Education Specialists will provide technical assistance for free.**

If you are interested in applying, please contact Maria Ridoutt at mridoutt@ucanr.edu or call at 661-903-9442.

Asistencia en español disponible.



**Alternative Manure
Management Program**

CDFA Grants for dairies coming up soon

**AMMP and DDRDP grants are
anticipated to open during the
spring. Stay tuned!**

CDFA incentive programs have become very popular among dairy producers, and two specific programs are anticipated to open their 2023 round soon: the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) and the Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP).

DDRDP provides financial assistance for the installation of **dairy digesters** in California, whereas AMMP provides financial assistance for the implementation of **non-digester manure management practices** in California. The goal of these programs is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

If you want to get a head start for the 2023 round of

Attendance is limited;
please register at 509-962-
7507 or
amorse@wsu.edu

'Growing Together' Black Farmers Conference

April 21, 8:00am – 3:00pm

Fresno State University at
The Lynda and Stewart
Resnick Student Union
5244 N. Jackson Ave
Fresno, CA

[Register here](#) by April 10

applications, we suggest reviewing the following documents:

- [2022 AMMP Questionnaire Preview](#).
- [2022 AMMP Request for Grant Applications \(RGA\)](#)
- [2022 DDRDP Application Questionnaire Preview](#)
- [2022 DDRDP Request for Grant Applications \(RGA\)](#)

Disclaimer: These documents are intended to provide applicants with an idea of what to expect in the application. Actual questions within the electronic application platform may be different.

Flood Relief Resources

- [Tulare/Fresno/Kings Counties' Hotlines and Help](#)
- [CDFA Flood Resources page](#)
- [FEMA/Disaster Assistance information](#)
- [HUD disaster relief page](#)
- [U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance](#)
- Almond Alliance - [Storm Damage Reporting and Resources](#)

Property damage

If your property is damaged from the 2023 winter storms, county officials are asking residents to fill out a property damage form. Filling out the form is not an offer of financial assistance.

Kings County - [Property Damage Form](#)
Fresno County - [Property Damage Form](#)
Tulare County - [Property Damage Form](#)

Tulare County - [Crop & Livestock Damage Estimate Survey](#) for Ag Commissioner's office to estimate economic loss from flood.

Sandbag Locations

Leopold Conservation Awards

**Nominate agricultural
conservation leaders
by July 18th**

Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in **voluntary conservation**, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners play in conservation success.

This prestigious honor, which consists of \$10,000 and a crystal award, showcases the landowners' achievements among their peers.

[Sandbag distribution locations in Tulare County](#) [Sandbags for Flood prevention in Fresno County](#)

Kings County:

- 10871 Bonneyview Lane, Hanford CA, 24-hour access
- Hanford: 900 S. 10th Ave. 7am-8pm Monday-Friday
- Corcoran: 750 North Ave. 7am-4pm Monday-Friday
- Lemoore: Corner of F. St. and Fox St. open Monday-Sunday
- Avenal: 108 W Kings St, Avenal, CA 93204 Monday-Sunday

Disaster Relief

- USDA - [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#)
- FSA/USDA - [Livestock Indemnity Program](#)
- FSA/USDA - [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish](#)
- FSA/USDA - [Tree Assistance Program](#)
- Tulare County: [Application for Reassessment of Property Damaged or Destroyed](#) (Property Tax Relief)

The Leopold Conservation Award provides a prominent platform by which agricultural community leaders are recognized as conservation ambassadors to citizens outside of agriculture.

Nominate yourself or the ag conservation leader of your choice by [clicking here](#).



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