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Good News! HSP will be opening this fall!

More information coming soon!

Your local TAP is here to help!

Hi all! For those who don't know me, my name is Danielle Duyst. I work as your local Technical Assistance Provider for farmers in Tulare and Kern counties. I am here to help free of cost! Reach out to me by phone or email with questions about getting grant funding to make regenerative ag changes on your farm!

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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!



More Opportunities: 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](#)



News Updates

Last Chance to Apply for MLRP Funding in the Kaweah Subbasin!

Up to \$200,000 per project for design, planning, and permitting work is available through the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) in the Kaweah Subbasin. Applications must develop projects that provide groundwater benefits by converting irrigated ag land to less water-intensive use(s) and may provide additional benefits to community health, economic well-being, wildlife habitat, and/or renewable energy transitions.

The application period is open through August 31, 2025. Visit kawahmlrp.org to download the RFP and watch an Applicant Workshop recording to get more information about the solicitation, application process, eligible project types, and technical assistance resources available. Applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out for a free consultation before submitting an application. Please email info@kawahmlrp.org.



USDA

USDA Offers \$16 Billion in Disaster Relief



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Brooke L. Rollins, has announced that agricultural producers with eligible crop losses from natural disasters in 2023 and 2024 can now apply for assistance through the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP), totaling \$16 billion.

Stage One of the program is open now for producers who received crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payments. Prefilled applications were mailed July 9, and in-person signups began July 10 at FSA county offices. Stage Two, covering shallow and uncovered losses, will launch this fall.

Eligible disasters include drought, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, freezes, and other severe weather events. Drought-related losses must meet specific U.S. Drought Monitor thresholds.

Payment details: Stage One payments are based on existing coverage levels and limited to 90% of losses, with a 35% payment factor. Additional payments may be made if funds remain.

Future requirements: Recipients must purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage at 60% or higher for the next two crop years or repay the SDRP funds with interest.

Contact your local FSA office for more details or to apply.

Call the Bakersfield FSA office at (661) 336-0967 for more details or to apply.

New Educational Resources for the Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program



“The California Department of Conservation’s [Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program](#) is an initiative aimed at addressing groundwater sustainability and supporting communities affected by reduced agricultural water use. The program provides funding to repurpose agricultural lands into uses that deliver multiple benefits, such as habitat restoration, [groundwater recharge](#), and open space creation.

The Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) Statewide Support Entity has developed two new educational tools designed to support greater understanding and engagement with MLRP:

SGMA–MLRP Handout

- This infographic-style resource illustrates how the MLRP complements – and differs from – the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act \(SGMA\)](#). It highlights how both efforts can work together to promote groundwater sustainability through multibenefit land repurposing projects. [Click here](#) to view and download the handout in English and Spanish.*

MLRP Glossary

A user-friendly glossary featuring simplified definitions of key terms commonly used in the MLRP space. This tool is designed to support interested parties in building a stronger understanding of program concepts. View and download the glossary in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Upcoming Events

Farm Bureau and Nationwide host upcoming Workshops for Members FREE

August 20, 2025

PPE/Respirator Fit Testing Workshop

*requires a Doctor's note to attend and participate in the FIT Testing
PPE 45 minutes of training, and FIT testing requires 45 minutes

9:00 am Spanish

1:00 pm English

October 15, 2025

Hazardous Ag Materials Course

9:00 am Spanish

1:00 pm English

Save Water, Drink Beer!

August 22, 2025

Save Water, Drink Beer returns Friday, August 22nd at Crusader Brewing and you are invited!

Ticket purchases include two drink tickets, appetizers, and the opportunity to network and learn more about the Kern County Farm Bureau.

Grab your friends, grab your tickets, and come thirsty! If interested in attending, click the link below or send us an email at kcfb@kerncfb.com

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USDA 101 Programs Information Session

Thursday, August 28, 9:00 AM

USDA Agencies, the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Rural Development (RD), and the Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement (OPPE) will host a USDA Programs 101 in-person information session on Thursday, August 28th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. USDA FSA, NRCS, and RD leadership will provide farmers, ranchers, and rural community representatives with a breakdown of programs and resources that are available at their respective agencies.

The event includes one-on-one talks with USDA technical advisors to guide farmers, ranchers, and rural community representatives on the necessary requirements to:

1. Submit an application for shared programs and resources
2. Discuss the supporting documents that are needed prior to visiting a USDA Center

This event will also serve as an opportunity for USDA leaders to listen to and understand the support community stakeholders need.

- Location: To Be Determined in Fresno

To register for this in-person event and for location details, please email Juan Alvarez at Juan.Alvarez@usda.gov.