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### **UCCE Mendocino Office Welcomes New Community Education Specialist**

The UC Cooperative Extension Mendocino County Office welcomes Britta Baskerville as a new Community Education Specialist (CES). Her position was created to assist North Coast farmers in qualifying, applying, and fulfilling the necessary requirements for grants from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Climate-Smart Healthy Soils Program (HSP) and the State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program (SWEEP). These grant programs pay up to \$75,000 for approved farming practices that reduce greenhouse gases. Round 1 of the 2019 CDFA Climate-Smart grants application deadline is March 8th. To find more information about these programs, check the CDFA Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation website here: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/> or contact Britta Baskerville for assistance at [blbaskerville@ucanr.edu](mailto:blbaskerville@ucanr.edu) or call at 707-463-4158.

A Sacramento native, Britta graduated from UC Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in Conservation Resource Studies. Most recently, she served as the Program Coordinator at the School of Adaptive Agriculture, a vocational adult school near Willits that is dedicated to training the next generation of farmers. She has professional experience from internships and as an employee in market gardens, CSAs, farmer's markets, nurseries and landscaping. Her experience ranges from small-scale homesteading to commercial vegetable and livestock production, food processing, marketing, and distribution