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**UC ANR CLIMATE SMART
AGRICULTURE NEWSLETTER**
TULARE & KERN COUNTIES

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This Month...

- New Grant Funding Applications Opening
- UC ANR Lending Library
- Events

Hello, my name is Danielle Duyst! I am a free of charge technical assistance provider with the UC ANR Climate Smart Agriculture Team currently serving Tulare, Kern, & Kings County. If you are interested in applying for HSP, SWEEP, AMMP, or any other regenerative agriculture grant, I am here to help you apply! Contact me at dduyst@ucanr.edu or (530) 902-0200.





Grants: Zero Foodprint Composter Connector OPEN

"As a result of [Senate Bill 1383 implementation](#), California is ramping up compost production. Through Compost Connector, Zero Foodprint works with local jurisdictions to make the best use of this compost by directing it to farms and ranches where it can sequester carbon and promote healthy soil. If you're a California farmer or rancher purchasing compost from an Zero Foodprint approved facility, you're eligible to apply for Compost Connector" (Zero Foodprint).

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Grants: Zero Foodprint Restore OPENS March 3, 2026

Farmers and ranchers can receive up to \$25k to implement climate-smart practices that sequester carbon. Applications Open March 3rd, 2026.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Zero Foodprint



UC ANR Equipment Lending Library Now Open!

The Sustainable Agriculture Tool Lending Library is a partnership between the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), organization 2, organization 3, and organization 4 that lends out farming equipment in an effort to diffuse the costs of effective but expensive equipment. Our goal is to advance sustainable agriculture, community food systems, and economic progress for smaller operators and young farmers.



[Click here to learn more.](#)



LEARN HOW THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) MAY IMPACT GROUNDWATER USE ON YOUR SMALL FARM

If you farm in Tulare or Kings County, your local UC ANR Community Education Specialist can help you understand possible changes to groundwater use on your farm, and connect you with free SGMA education and technical services today!

Contact Luis Paniagua

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Free Technical Assistance Includes:

- ✓ One-on-one SGMA education on local groundwater programs and actions.
- ✓ Connection to local Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
- ✓ Review of groundwater related fees, invoices, lease agreements, policies etc.
- ✓ Technical services include groundwater well interference, pump checks, well sounding, soil testing and more.

This free program is brought to you by the UC ANR Small Farms Network and is granted by the Underrepresented Communities, California Tribes, and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance Program (URCTA). For more information on URCTA eligibility, visit <https://water.ca.gov/urctaprogram>.



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Scan to visit the UC ANR Small Farms Network to get more information





Upcoming Events & Conferences



2026 CA Small Farm Conference

Join us for our 38th annual gathering, a week of learning, inspiration and community featuring over 60 events, both online and in-person. Whether you're a beginning farmer or a seasoned grower...

 Community Alliance with Family Farmers



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