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A multi-agency newsletter providing California's producers and other interested parties with current information from the following agencies:



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Welcome to this copy of USDA e-News, California Edition. Our goal is to raise awareness of USDA programs and resources available for California's agriculture producers. For more information about a specific USDA program please contact the respective agency representatives listed below or visit our links.

Workshops & Training

USDA OUTREACH - HISPANIC AND WOMEN'S CLAIMS PROCESS

USDA is offering a streamlined alternative to litigation to Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert they faced discrimination when seeking farm loans and loan services during certain periods between 1981 and 2000. This process, organized by the USDA and the Department of Justice has made \$1.33 billion in compensation available for those who qualify. Leaders of Hispanic and women's organizations in California are being invited to meetings June 7 in Indio, June 8 in Fresno and June 9 in Stockton to learn more and spread the word with members in their communities. For details on the meetings call Monique Kristofors at 530-792-5536. To register for a claims package, individuals can call 1-888-508-4429 or visit www.farmerclaims.gov.

New Programs/Initiatives

[Know Your Farmer Know Your Food](#)

A USDA-wide effort to create new economic opportunities by better connecting consumers with local producers.

RMA Funding Coming Soon!

Do you provide education, develop risk management tools, or create opportunities for farmers and ranchers? If so, the Risk Management Agency (**RMA**) may have funding available to help in your efforts to develop and deliver training, and information to producers in your area. The **RMA Education and Outreach Cooperative Agreement Program** will be announced soon, if you are interested in

<p>Conservation Service</p> <p>Conservation</p>	<p>getting more information about our funding or to receive future notices, email the RMA Davis Regional Office or call 530-792-5870. You can also visit the RMA website</p>
<p>National Agriculture Statistics Services</p> <p>Census of Agriculture Agriculture Surveys</p>	<p>Updates</p> <p>Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) – 2009 Crop Year enrollment is now open until July 29, 2011 for this disaster assistance option. For more information: SURE Facts</p>
<p>Risk Management Agency</p> <p>Crop Insurance Programs Funding Opportunities Risk Management Education & Outreach</p>	<p>CRP offers have been submitted to the national office for competitive ranking. It is anticipated we will receive these offers over the next few weeks.</p> <p>Acres and Grain Stocks to be collected and published in June In June, NASS will be collecting information on what farmers have planted this year and what commodities are in storage. The annual Acres report and the quarterly Grain Stocks report will be published on June 30.</p>
<p>Rural Development</p> <p>Catalog of Programs Loans, Grants & Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Value-Added Producer Grant: Funding notice for this program is expected to be published soon. Please visit the following website for updates: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG_Grants.html</p> <p>Outreach and Technical Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Competitive Grant The Office of Advocacy and Outreach seeks applications from eligible organizations able to provide outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers and forest landowners (SDFRFL) within a defined geographic area in a linguistically appropriate manner. The intent of this portion of the OASDFR program is to focus specifically on connecting socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to USDA programs. The Agency will fund up to \$1,200,000 per grant for project activities identified in this RFP. Grant Link</p> <p>Reports & Publications</p> <p>California Report on Jobs, Economic Development and Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Rural Cooperatives Magazine</p> <p>Agricultural Resource Directory 2010</p> <p>Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2010 Preliminary Summary</p> <p>Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2010 Annual (available July 7, 2011)</p> <p>Vegetables 2010 Summary</p> <p>Cattle Inventory Report</p>

[Sheep and Goats Inventory Report](#)

[Preliminary Grape Crush Report](#)

Other Activities & Events

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