

Central Valley Farmers: Are you interested in soil health, water management, and land use practices that can help your farm be successful? A new collaborative program can help!

The American Farmland Trust (AFT) is supporting an opportunity for farmers to get financial and technical assistance for on-farm practices that can help with water resilience, soil health, and more.



This work is a partnership between organizations across the Central Valley: 4 Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), including East Stanislaus RCD, East Merced RCD, Madera-Chowchilla RCD, Sierra RCD, as well as, AFT and USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in the San Joaquin Valley. The aim of this collaboration is to assist local farmers with land and water conservation, specifically for farmers in Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus counties. The program provides financial support to farmers who need assistance in 13 practices listed below. These practices are recognized by USDA-NRCS and the application process goes through a similar process like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application.

The 13 practices supported include:

- Soil health practices that improve soil water holding capacity and infiltration:
 - Conservation Cover
 - Cover Crops
 - Reduced Till
 - No-till
 - Soil Carbon Amendments such as compost
 - Irrigation Water Management
 - Biochar
- Land use enhancement:
 - Critical Area Planting (planting on sites with soil erosion vulnerability or other difficulty)
 - Hedgerows
 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
 - Wildlife Habitat Planting
- Water conveyance & recharge:
 - Irrigation Pipelines
 - Pumping Plants
 - Structure for Water Control

If you are a farmer or landowner who is interested in getting money and support with these practices, please contact Paul Lum who can help you apply:



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