

State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability
2026 Dairy Plus Program
Application Summary Form

APPLICANT PROJECT TITLE:

APPLICANT ID:

Applicant Details

Are you submitting this application on someone else's behalf?* **Yes/No**

Help Text: It distinguishes between you and a technical assistance provider or other who is acting on the applicant's behalf. If you're the applicant, answer "No." If you're filling out the form for someone else, answer "Yes".

If yes:

Submitter (Name)*:

Submitter Organization*:

Submitter Email Address*:

Submitter Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)*:

Applicant/Applicant Organization Name*:

Help Text: Enter the legal, full name of the individual or entity that will receive the award. This should be the legal name of the individual or business entity that will receive grant funds if awarded; if this is an organization, the name should match the name on the payee's tax return as filed with the federal Internal Revenue Service.

IMPORTANT: The awardee of Dairy Plus Program funds must be an individual dairy producer as registered currently or in the future with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Field Service Agency – FSA; Note: only one 2026 Dairy Plus Program award per FSA-registered entity/producer name. If multiple dairy operations under one FSA-registered entity/producer name are selected, only one dairy operation will be awarded.

Applicant/Applicant Organization Email Address*:

Applicant/Applicant Organization Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)*:

Applicant/Applicant Organization Mailing Address - Number and Street*:

Applicant/Applicant Organization Mailing Address - City*:

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Applicant/Applicant Organization Mailing Address - Zip Code*:

Full Name of Primary Contact Person*:

Help Text: Provide the full legal name of the person who serves as the principal point of contact for your application.

This is either the applicant themselves or a representative of the applicant's organization who will receive notices, respond to questions, and sign documents on behalf of the applicant.

It is not the name of a separate submitter or a technical-assistance provider.

Primary Contact Person Email Address*:

Primary Contact Person Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)*:

Has the Applicant or Applicant Organization previously been awarded grant funding through the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) or Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP), where the project is either completed or implementation is in progress?* **Yes/No**

Help Text: Answer "Yes" if the applicant or applicant organization has ever received a CDFA award under the AMMP or DDRDP and that award is either fully completed or currently being implemented. The agency will verify your response against its grant records. If you are unsure, please review your past award status with CDFA before responding.

If yes:

Provide the AMMP or DDRDP Agreement Number(s) and corresponding project site location where the project(s) were implemented. For example: 17-000-0123-AM, Dairy ABC, 12345 N Street, Sacramento 95814*:

Did you receive assistance with your application or project planning*? **Yes/No**

Help Text: Indicate whether you received any external help in preparing this application or in planning the proposed project. If your organization prepared the application independently, answer "No." If anyone else helped you develop the proposal, answer "Yes."

If yes:

Please share the name(s) of the individual(s):

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Acknowledgment Section:

By checking this box, I certify that I understand that, if awarded funding, I/our organization will be responsible for: (1) implementing the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement Scope of Work; (2) ensuring compliance of all project activities, including those conducted by contractors and consultants, with applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws, regulations, ordinances, and grant terms; (3) obtaining and maintaining all necessary permits, licenses, agreements, and approvals; (4) submitting timely and accurate invoices; (5) maintaining clear and consistent communication regarding project progress; (6) notifying CDFA OARS immediately upon discovery of problems or delays affecting the project; and (7) providing documentation related to the project as requested by CDFA and CDRF.

I certify that I acknowledge and understand these responsibilities.

Additional Applicant Information

The following demographic and applicant information is not required but will help CDFA and USDA prioritize funding for Beginning, Veteran, Socially Disadvantaged, and/or Limited Resource farmers or ranchers. Not answering these questions will not negatively impact the application.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is committed to equitable access for all Californians and investing in the long-term prosperity of our food farming systems, starting with our farmers. Additionally, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Advancing Markets to Producers (AMP) grant is committed to prioritizing at least 10% (\$7.5 million) of the producer's incentive funding to serve Beginning, Veteran, Socially Disadvantaged, and/or Limited Resource farmers or ranchers.

Demographic information is used by USDA for statistical purposes only and will not be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for programs or services for which they apply. Definitions for Beginning, Veteran, Socially Disadvantaged, and/or Limited Resource farmer or rancher can be found in the Dairy Plus Program Request for Grant Applications under "CDFA and USDA Priorities" or the NRCS Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers (at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/our-agency/historically-underserved-farmers-and-ranchers>). Note: Gender alone is not a covered group for the purposes of USDA AMP/Dairy Plus programs.

Does the applicant qualify as a beginning, veteran, socially disadvantaged, and/or limited resource farmer or rancher as defined in the Dairy Plus Program Request for Grant Applications under "CDFA and USDA Priorities" or the NRCS Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers (at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/our-agency/historically-underserved-farmers-and-ranchers>)? Select all applicable choices.

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- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Limited resource farmer and rancher
- No
- Decline to State

Has the applicant served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?* **Yes/No/Decline to State**

Please select the Gender the applicant identifies with*: **Male, Female, Other, Decline to State**

Please select a category that best represents the applicant*: **California Native American Tribe, Nonprofit, Business, Educational Institution, Individual**

Does the applicant have a tribal affiliation?* **CA Native American Tribe, Tribal-serving organization, Native American individual, No tribal affiliation**

Project Information

Name of the Dairy Operation where the project will be implemented*:
Help Text: Must be located in California with a physical California address.

Project Location Address - Number, Street, City*:

Project Location - Zip Code*:

Project Latitude*:

Project Longitude*:

Project County*:

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Help Text: Please go to <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/> to identify your State Assembly and Senate Members to answer the questions below

Assembly Member*:

Assembly District*:

Senator*:

Senator District*:

Please identify your Dairy Plus Program application type*:

- **Dairy Plus application for an operation with an in-progress (AMMP or DDRDP) project**
- **Dairy Plus application for an operation with a past completed (AMMP or DDRDP) project**
- **Dairy Plus application for an operation with an in-progress or past completed approved AMMP-like or DDRDP-like practices which were NOT funded through CDFA's AMMP or DDRDP.**

Help Text: Select the option that best describes the status of your operation's existing manure management work. If you are unsure, choose the option that most closely matches your recent grant history.

- "In progress (AMMP or DDRDP)" – you currently have an active CDFA grant under the Alternative Manure Management Program or Dairy Digester Research & Development Program.
- "Past completed (AMMP or DDRDP)" – you finished an AMMP or DDRDP project, and the agreement has closed.
- "Approved AMMP-like or DDRDP-like practices, not funded by CDFA" – your operation has adopted practices that meet the criteria of AMMP or DDRDP, but those practices were not supported by a CDFA grant.

Title for the Dairy Plus Program Project*:

Help Text: Instructions: Please include the name of the Dairy Operation as part of your project title

Description for the Dairy Plus Program Project*:

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Help Text: Instructions: Please do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., address) or specifics about herd size in the project description; portions of the description may be used in applicant or awardee lists that will be publicly available online.

Select the primary project type*: **Vermifiltration, Weeping Wall (Minimum of 2 Cells), Advanced Solid-Liquid Separation Assisted by Flocculants and/or Bead Filters, Advanced Solid-Liquid Separation Through Centrifuge**

Help Text: Choose the primary manure-management practice the project will support. Only one option may be selected, as the project will focus on that primary technology. You may add a secondary practice in the next question.

Is there a secondary component to the project (these practices cannot be standalone)?*: **Aerated Composting, Subsurface Drip Irrigation (SDI) using liquid manure, Not Applicable**

Help Text: Choose the secondary manure-management practice the project will support. If you are not implementing a secondary practice, please select "Not Applicable."

Farm, tract, and field information for areas included in the project boundary (as registered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency). Include all that are impacted by the project, and specify the farm, tract, and field where the Dairy Plus project technology will be implemented. Or enter "Not registered with FSA". For example: Farm 1234, tract 111, field 1; Farm 5678, tract 222, field 2, etc*.

Enter the anticipated "Start Date" for the project (project cannot begin prior to March 1, 2027)*:

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Enter the anticipated "End Date" for the project (project cannot end later than February 29, 2028)*:

Dairy Plus Program Grant Amount Requested (\$, USD). This must be less than or equal to USD \$1,250,000 (up to \$750/cow)*:

Help Text: This value must be less than or equal to USD \$1,250,000 (up to \$750/cow) - IMPORTANT: Please refer to the Funding Scenarios section in the 2026 Dairy Plus Program RGA. These amounts should align with the amount specified in your Budget Worksheet Template.

Matching Funds Provided (\$, USD)*:

Help Text: Enter the total dollar amount of non-federal match the applicant is willing to contribute to the project.

- Include both cash contributions and in-kind support (e.g., donated equipment) valued at fair-market rates.
- The amount must be verifiable with receipts, contracts, or other documentation and cannot duplicate funds already received from another federal program.
- Use the figure that you would submit when requesting reimbursement or providing the match to CDFA.
- If the match will be provided in installments, enter the total amount you plan to commit over the project term.

You will be required to break down the total grant amount requested and matching funds proposed into categories in the Budget Narrative Section of the application. For each category, you will include the "Planned Amount" in \$ / USD and the "Reason" for the requested amount. This should reflect your Attachment D: Budget Worksheet.

Estimated GHG Emissions Reduction

Using the completed AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool as appropriate for the Dairy Plus Program proposal (refer to the Request for Grant Applications), provide the following information. The Benefits Calculator Tools can be downloaded from: (<https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/tools>). You will also be uploading the completed calculator tool as Attachment E.

Select Livestock Categories that are part of the Project Boundary. For any of the livestock categories selected above as part of the project boundary, provide their

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average population (herd size) from the prior 12 months. Please enter '0' for livestock categories that are not part of your project boundary.

- Lactating Dairy Cows (freestall)
- Lactating Dairy Cows (open lot)
- Cattle: Dry cows
- Cattle: Heifers (on feed)

Select the livestock categories that fall within your project's geographic and operational boundary.

- Only choose categories that will be directly affected by or involved in the project activities.
- If a category is not represented on the project site, do not select it.

After selecting a category, enter its average herd size for the last 12 months in the field next to the box.

- Use the total number of animals that were regularly present at the site during that period.
- For livestock that was moved in and out during the year, calculate the average population over the full 12 months.

For any livestock categories you did NOT select, type 0 in the corresponding population field.

- This indicates that the category is not part of the project boundary and will not be counted.

Provide average of Lactating Dairy Cows (freestall) from the prior 12 months*:

Provide average of Lactating Dairy Cows (open lot) from the prior 12 months*:

Provide average of Dry cows from the prior 12 months*:

Provide average of Heifers from the prior 12 months*:

Total project emission reductions over 5 (if AMMP or approved AMMP-like practice) or 10 years (if DDRDP or DDRDP-like approved practice) (MTCO_{2e})*:

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GHG reduction per unit of energy-corrected milk (ECM) produced by the dairy operation over 5 (if AMMP or approved AMMP-like practice) or 10 years (if DDRDP or DDRDP-like approved practice) (MTCO_{2e}/ECM)*:

GHG reduction per dollar grant money requested over 5 (if AMMP or approved AMMP practice) or 10 years (if DDRDP or DDRDP approved practice) (MTCO_{2e}/)\$)*:

List of Attachments for Easy Reference at [Dairy Plus Webpage](#):

Questionnaire: Application Summary Form (required, as a PDF file)

Attachment A: Project Description Template (required, as Microsoft Word file).

No template available - Attachment A.1: Site plan, project design documents, schematic diagrams, etc. (required, as PDF file).

Attachment A.2: Signed FSA Permission Template (required, as a PDF file).

Attachment B: Work Plan Template (required, as Microsoft Word file).

Attachment C: Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements Template (required; as PDF file)

Attachment D: Budget Worksheet Template (required; as Microsoft Excel file)

No template available - Attachment D.1: Bids or quotes to support budget costs (if applicable; as PDF file)

No template available – Available at CARB website - Attachment E: [AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool](#) (required, as Microsoft Excel file)

No template available - Attachment E.1: Explanation of GHG Calculations (if applicable, as single PDF file)

No template available - Attachment E.2: Description of how the proposed project will reduce GHG emissions beyond the existing practices and/or beyond the AMMP or DDRDP proposed practices at the dairy operation (if applicable; as PDF file)