

California Department of Food and Agriculture | Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability

2026 Dairy Plus Program

Application Assistance Workshop 2

July 8, 2026



Meeting Format and Agenda

3:00 – 3:50/3:55 PM: Program presentation

- Program Overview
 - Background
 - Program Progress and Current Solicitation
- 2026 Request for Grant Applications
 - Eligible Practices
 - Funding Scenarios
 - Program Conditions and Requirements
 - How to Apply/Application Sections and Attachments
 - Benefits Calculator Tool and Example
 - Review and Scoring
- Online Application Platform Demo
- Technical Assistance and Resources

3:50/3:55 – 4:00 PM: Questions from attendees

Agenda



Agenda also posted online:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/dairyplus/docs/2026/2026_Application_Workshops_Agenda.pdf

2026 Dairy Plus Program

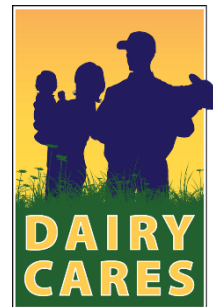


Application Assistance Workshop



\$85 Million for CA Dairy Sector

Partnering To Invest In and Build
Markets for California's Climate-Smart
Dairy Producers



Four Major Components

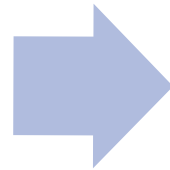


1 Implementation of Climate-Smart Dairy Practices

2 Measure, Quantify and Verify Carbon, GHG & Nitrogen Benefit

3 Outreach & Education

4 Develop Climate-Smart Product Markets



FINAL FUNDING YEAR

2026 DAIRY PLUS PROGRAM

- Millions of dollars available
- Funding for select manure management technologies
- Final year of Dairy PLUS funding

Incentive funds are bringing eligible technologies (aimed at reducing methane & improving nitrogen management) to California dairies as full-scale projects

NO
AMMP or
DDRDP
AWARD
REQUIRED!



SCAN CODE FOR PROGRAM
INFORMATION, ELIGIBLE TECH &
2026 DAIRY PLUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dairy Plus Program since 2023

\$39.7 M

Awarded

33

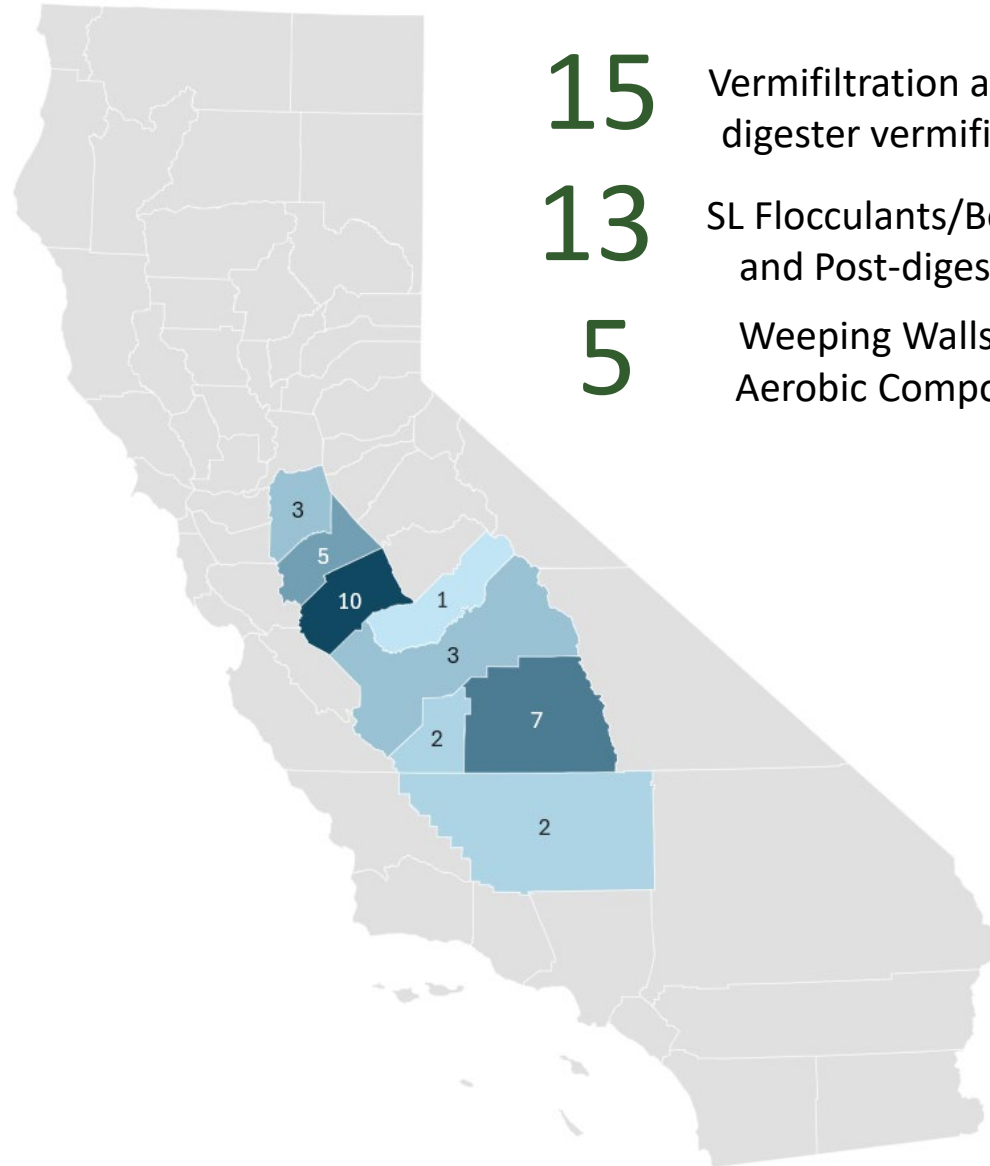
Dairy Plus Projects on CA
Dairy Operations

2023 – 13 projects

2024 – 20 projects

211,603

Metric Tons of CO₂e
reduced/year together with
AMMP and DDRDP



15

Vermifiltration and Post-digester vermifiltration

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SL Flocculants/Beads (SLFB) and Post-digester SLSFB

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Weeping Walls with Aerobic Composting

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Counties

\$ 32.7 M

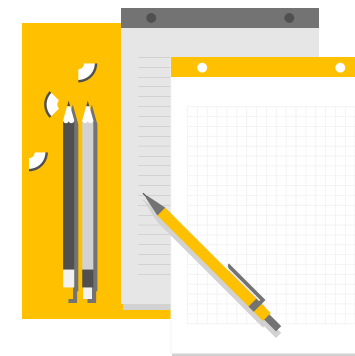
Matching Funds from
private and State sources
(estimated)

Current Solicitation

- **GOAL:** To award competitive grants to CA dairy farms for the implementation of advanced manure management practices that reduce methane emissions and address nitrogen and salt surplus.
- **Funding:** \$34 Million directly to project implementation – up to \$1.25 M (at a max of \$750/cow)
 - CDFA will prioritize awards to small and historically underserved producers by awarding a min of 10% of funds (~\$7.5M) throughout the program's lifetime.
- **Builds on CDFA's AMMP and DDRDP programs, also now AMMP-like and DDRDP-like practices**
- **Eligibility:**
 - CA Producers/Dairy Farmers (can't be a foreign person/entity) in California
 - In-progress or previous AMMP or DDRDP recipient, **OR**
 - **NEW!** In-progress or already operational "AMMP or DDRDP approved practice" (aka AMMP or DDRDP-like practices)
 - Producers must be registered with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - Only 1 FSA-registered producer/entity allowed per solicitation round.
- **Duration:** **12 months** – working on extension with USDA for another 12 months
- **Reimbursement basis** – be mindful of the reimbursement process



2026 Dairy Plus Program Timeline*



Item	Timeframe
Release of Solicitation	June 16, 2026
CDFA Application Workshops	June 25, 2026 & July 8, 2026
Grant Applications Due	September 14, 2026 at 5 PM PT
Review Process	September – November 2026*
Announce Award Funding	November 2026*
Pre-Project Consultations	November 2026 – January 2027
Project Term Begins	March 2027*

* Dates subject to change

CDFA Grant Solicitation Process



Updates to
RGA

Finalize and
Release Grant
Solicitation

Application
Window
(Jun 16 –
Sept 14)



Review of
Submitted
Applications

Award
Announcement
(~ Nov 2026)

Grant
Agreement
Execution

Pre-Project
Consultation

Project
Implementation
(March 1, 2027)

Project
Verification &
Monitoring

Project and application prep: recommend starting early!

- Explore which eligible practice type works best for an operation
 - Talk to potential contractors or vendors and getting bids/quotes
- Talk to your local county, air and/or water agencies about potential permit requirements

Summary of Changes from 2024



RGA/Solicitation

- Inclusion of AMMP-like and DDRDP-like practices in progress or complete (not funded by CDFA)
- No matching funds required
- Vermifiltration and SL flocculants/beads with all primary solid-liquid separation methods
- Project completion – 24 mo to 12 mo (initially)
- CEQA & applicable permitting, and demonstration of project progress – 12 mo → 6 mo
- Equipment $\geq$ \$5,000 to $\geq$ \$10,000 per unit

Benefits Calculator Tool

- Additional dropdown options for flocculant solid separation projects
- DDRDP and DDRDP-like applicants – only 1 calculator tool needed!

Online Application

- New online application platform - GOATS
- New required attachment - Application Summary Form



Eligible Practices



For in-progress, previously completed **AMMP projects**, or **AMMP-like practice** projects:

- A. **Vermifiltration** - must be implemented in conjunction with an existing or new primary solid-liquid separation system.
- B. Solid separation of manure solids through **Weeping Wall** – the system must have a minimum of at least two cells.
- C. Advanced solid-liquid separation assisted by **flocculants and/or bead filters** - must be implemented in conjunction with an existing or new primary solid-liquid separation system.
- D. **Centrifuge** solid-liquid separation - must be implemented in conjunction with an existing or new primary solid-liquid separation system.
- E. Practices above (A, B, C, or D) AND **Subsurface drip irrigation (SDI)** using liquid manure.
- F. Practices above (A, B, C, or D) AND **Aerated Composting**, as follows:
 - i. Composting in vessel (composting in an enclosed vessel, with forced aeration and continuous mixing);
 - ii. Composting in aerated static pile (composting in piles with forced aeration but no mixing);
 - iii. Composting in intensive windrows (with regular turning for mixing and aeration);
 - iv. Composting in passive windrows (with infrequent turning for mixing and aeration).
 - v. Composting in aerated vermifiltration system (solids separated by the vermifilter are also processed by worms within the vermifilter)

Eligible Practices



For in-progress or previously completed **DDRDP projects**, or **DDRDP-like practice projects**:

- A. Post-digester Vermifiltration** - must be implemented after the anaerobic digestion of manure.
- B. Post-digester Advanced solid-liquid separation assisted by flocculants and/or bead filters** - must be implemented after the anaerobic digestion of manure.
- C. Post-digester Centrifuge solid-liquid separation** - must be implemented after the anaerobic digestion of manure.
- D. Practices above (A, B, or C) AND Subsurface drip irrigation (SDI)** using liquid manure digestate.

IMPORTANT!

Dairy Plus Program funds **cannot** be used to fund the implementation or maintenance of, including but not limited to, anaerobic digesters, biogas cleanup equipment, biogas upgrading equipment, pipelines, electricity generators, and all systems related to anaerobic digestion and biogas end-use.

Funding Scenarios

Up to \$1.25 M per project
(max of \$750/cow)
and
No matching funds
required anymore!

Program/System	State Funding (CDFA)	Federal Funding (USDA)*	Total Funding	Matching Funds Required
Dairy Plus for In Progress or Previous AMMP, or with approved AMMP-like practices** a) Vermifiltration b) Weeping wall (min of 2 cells) c) Advanced solid-liquid separation assisted by flocculants and/or bead filters d) Advanced solid-liquid separation through centrifuge e) Practices above (a, b, c, or d) AND subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) using liquid manure f) Practices above (a, b, c, or d) AND aerated composting	NA	Up to \$1.25 M (\$750/cow)	Up to \$1.25 M	N/A
Dairy Plus for In Progress or Previous DDRDP, or with approved DDRDP-like practices a) Post-digester vermifiltration b) Post-digester advanced solid-liquid separation assisted by flocculants and/or bead filters c) Post-digester Advanced solid-liquid separation through centrifuge d) Above practices (a, b, or c) AND subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) using liquid manure digestate	NA	Up to \$1.25 M (\$750/cow)	Up to \$1.25 M	N/A

Program Conditions & Requirements



Funds awarded under the Dairy Plus Program are subject to federal terms and conditions. Producers must:

- Establish Farm Records with Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - Projects defined by FSA Map & Subsidiary Report- specific to farm, field & tract number
 - Project is specific to map coordinates
 - Only one project funded per producer per round of solicitation
- Work with CDRF and UCD to receive approval on the project environmental evaluation (CPA-52 process)
 - Application info used to complete the CPA-52 form, including site map, design and construction, and budget

Other requirements:

- Participate in on-farm measurement activities with UCD if selected.
- Submit regular status reports to CDFA, CDRF, and USDA about the project.
- Operate, maintain, and report annually to CDFA for at least 5 yr after project completion.

Program Conditions & Requirements



From award announcement to project close-out, the project **may not**:

- Change or alter the **proposed advanced manure management practice** to be implemented.
- Change the **herd size** beyond the limits established by the operation's existing permits at the time of application during the project term.
- Change the **construction layout, construction location within the farm, design of buildings, and/or technology systems** without approval from CDFA and CDRF
- Change the **construction or design of buildings** that may change estimated GHG reductions.
- Change **ownership and/or partnership entities** of the dairy. In the event the grantee needs to change ownership and/or partnership entities or enters negotiations for the sale of the dairy operation for which a grant was awarded, the grantee shall disclose said negotiations to the CDFA and CDRF immediately.

How to Apply



Applicants will be required to complete and submit their grant applications online using an electronic application submission platform – the GOATS (Grant Opportunity Administration and Tracking System). The application can be accessed at the Dairy Plus Program webpage (<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/dairyplus/>)

Apply Online

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[Online Application Platform Guide](#) 



More details soon in the Online Application Platform Demo!

Application Sections & Attachments



Dairy Plus Program = 8 required attachments + 3 optional

- **Application Summary Form (required)**
- **Attachment A (required):** Project Description Template
 - **Attachment A.1 (required):** Site Plan, project design documents, schematic diagrams, permitting, maintenance plans, etc.
 - Important!** Project designs and plans should be final at time of app submittal; changes may cause significant delays or impact ability of awarded projects to proceed.
 - **Attachment A.2 (required):** Signed FSA Permission Form
- **Attachment B (required):** Work Plan Template
- **Attachment C (required):** Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements Template

APPLICANT PROJECT TITLE:
APPLICANT ID:

Instructions:

- Length: Please limit the document to 15 pages
- Complete all sections of the template, making sure to review and address the prompts in blue as applicable. Remove all blue guidance text before submission.

I. Project Description

Operation Background and Project Plan

Provide details of the history and background of the dairy operation.

Discuss herd size and breed, including the average number of lactating cows (in freestalls and open lot corrals), dry cows, replacement calves, and replacement heifers, at the operation over the last 12 months.

Within the herd, identify which livestock will be included in the project boundary (this includes only the animals for which manure management will be affected by the Dairy Plus Program project).

Clearly describe the current manure management system and how much manure is currently being handled. Describe how much manure the proposed advanced manure management practice will handle after it is complete.

Explain how the advanced manure management project provides benefits beyond the traditional state-funded programs (e.g., AMMP and DDRDP practices) and approved practices (i.e., AMMP- and DDRDP-like practices) and how it can provide additional greenhouse gas emission reductions and improve nitrogen and salt management in the dairy farm. Please be specific when describing the portion of the system that will be funded by the Dairy Plus Program, and the portion of the system that was funded through either AMMP and DDRDP or privately funded.

The description should also explain how this project will positively affect the local community and the environment, and provide benefits to priority populations or small and historically underserved farmers and ranchers.

Provide, specifically in the dairy footprint, where things are going to go and where they will be installed. For example, describe the numerical size dimensions (depth, width, and

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APPLICANT ID:

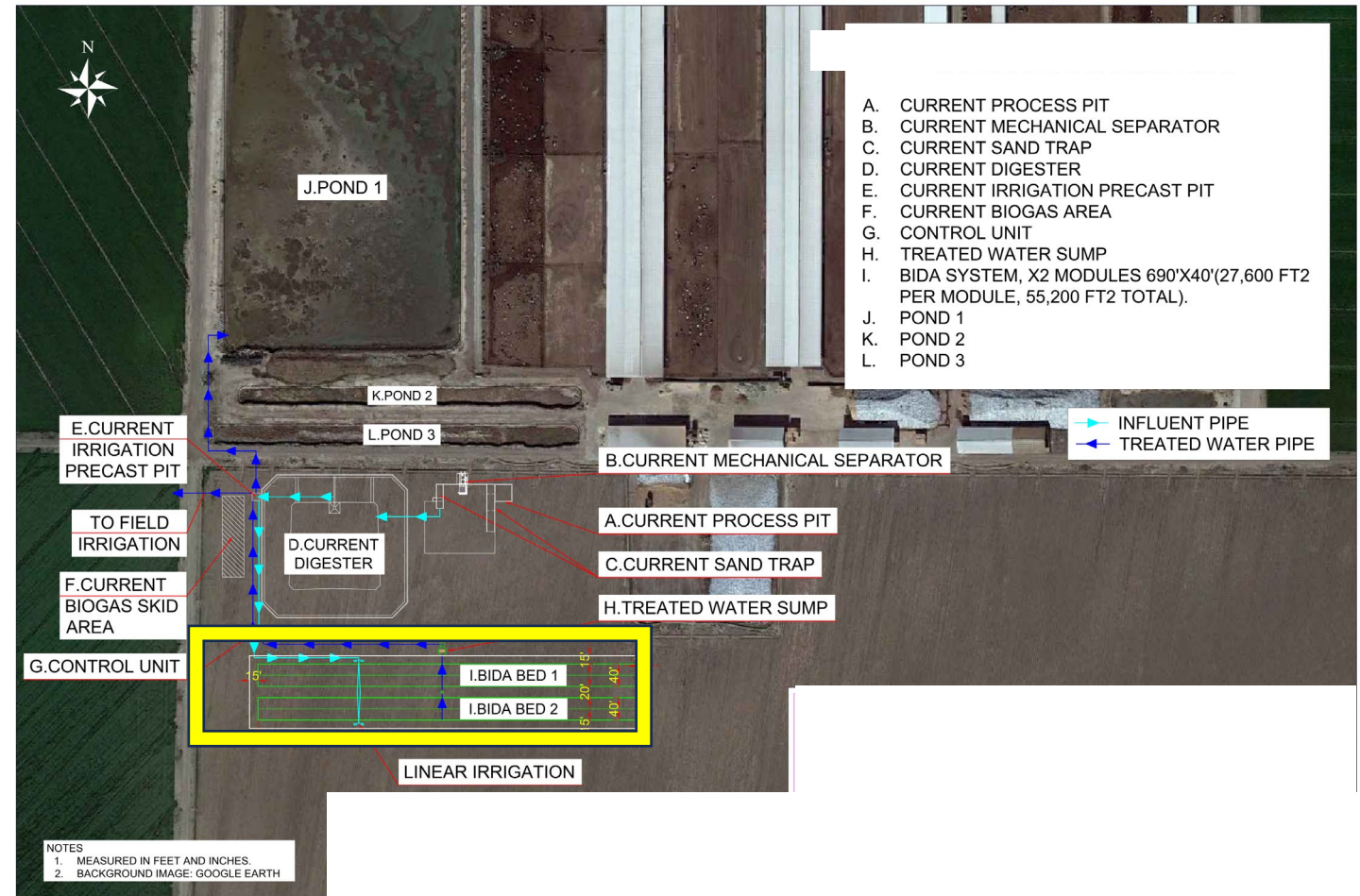
Instructions: List all tasks used to complete project implementation. Clearly and concisely describe the activities (i.e., procuring permits, site planning, engineering, construction, equipment, field supervision, etc.) required to accomplish the goals/objectives proposed in the Project Description. Identify who will perform each task/activity, including project partners, contractors/consultants, etc. Provide a timeline in chronological order for all proposed tasks with estimated start and end dates for each task. The start and end dates should not be outside of the project term as identified in the Request for Grant Applications. As needed, add rows to the table below, not exceeding 5 pages.

Task No.	Description/Activity	Performed By (Title)	Start Date (Month/Year)	End Date (Month/Year)

Tips for Attachment A.1

Maps/Construction Design:

- ✓ All project pipelines, pumps, processing pits, separators, etc.
 - ✓ Clearly defined Dairy Plus project area
 - ✓ Numerical depth and width construction criteria
 - ✓ Below grade/ above grade dimensions
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- ❖ Any changes to construction layout, location within farm, design of buildings and/or technology system must be authorized by CDFA/CDRF



Application Sections & Attachments



- **Attachment D (required):** Budget Worksheet Template
 - Attachment D.1 (optional): Bids, quotes, or estimates to support budget costs
- **Attachment E (required):** Estimated GHG Emissions Reduction
 - Attachment E.1 (optional): Explanation of Assumptions for GHG Calculations
 - Attachment E.2 (optional): Description of how proposed project will reduce GHGs beyond AMMP and DDRDP

2026 Dairy Plus Program
Attachment D: Budget Worksheet Template

2026 DAIRY PLUS PROGRAM

Instructions: Enter the amount of grant funds requested for each budget category identified in blue, which includes supplies, equipment, labor, and any other allowable costs necessary to complete the proposed project. Itemize the costs for supplies, equipment, and any other allowable expenses by providing a description and itemize labor costs for work on the project by providing a brief description of services and the cost/hour necessary for installation.

Contractor labor costs **cannot** exceed 25% of the total grant request amount. Design, engineering, consulting, and permit costs **cannot** exceed 5% of the total grant amount requested. Project costs must be reasonable and consistent with costs paid for equivalent work on non-grant-funded activities or for comparable work include costs for anaerobic digester, biogas conditioning, or any costs related to the implementation of an anaerobic digestion system.

*For cost share, provide a brief description of the types of costs, including the quantity, activity, or service needed to complete the project, along with their source (e.g. applicant, etc.). Cost share can include cash and/or in-kind contributions. Cash contributions are the amount of funds, including supplies, equipment, and any other costs contributed by the applicant organization for the proposed project. In-kind contributions include costs associated with labor for any work involved with the installation of the proposed project. **NOTE: All project design components (e.g. pipelines, cement, electrical, etc.) must be clearly identified as reimbursable or matching funds.**

Note that the "Total Grant Request" amount will automatically calculate the amounts for each budget category (supplies, equipment, labor, and other costs). This amount is the total Dairy Plus Program grant funding requested to complete the proposed project. The "Total Grant Request" **cannot** exceed **\$1,250,000 (up to \$750,000)** as shown in the table below.

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Project ID																							
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Total Matching Funds:		\$0.00																					
Total Project Costs:		\$0.00																					
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Description		QTY	Total	Description		QTY	Total	Description of Services		Cost/hour	Hours	Total	Description of Services		Cost/hour	Hours	Total	Description		QTY	Total	Description	
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Attachment E: Estimated GHG Emissions Reduction



- For **in-progress, or previously completed AMMP projects and AMMP-like practices**
= Applicants must use the Calculator Tool for “Alternative Manure Management Program”.



- For **in-progress, or previously completed DDRDP projects and DDRDP-like practices**
= Applicants must use the Calculator Tool for the “Dairy Digesters”.

IMPORTANT:

- Apps applying under the “**Dairy Plus for Previous or In Progress AMMP/AMMP-like practice**” category must add the information of the previous or in progress AMMP grant in the baseline.
- Apps applying under the “**Dairy Plus for Previous or In Progress DDRDP/DDRDP-like practice**” category are only required to submit one DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tools.

Benefits Calculator Tool



- Applicants must use the California Air Resources Board's AMMP or DDRDP Benefits Calculator Tool to estimate avoided methane emissions from anaerobic manure decomposition
- For specific questions regarding the Benefits Calculator Tool, please contact GGRFProgram@arb.ca.gov
- The Benefits Calculator Tool is available at:
<https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/tools>

 **California Air Resources Board**
Benefits Calculator Tool for the
Alternative Manure Management Program
California Climate Investments

Note to applicants:
A step-by-step user guide, including project examples, for this Benefits Calculator Tool is available [here](#).

Project location (county) Required

	Livestock Category	Animal Population
Livestock population by category. Note: Only livestock categories for which manure management will be affected in some way by the AMMP projected should be included. Other livestock categories that are managed in other areas and for which manure management practices will not change may be excluded.	Required	Required
	Optional	Optional
	Optional	Optional
	Optional	Optional

Dairy Applicant Information

Milk Fat (%)	Required
Milk True Protein (%)	Required
Milk Produced (lbs/cow/day)	Required

	Baseline manure management practices (current practices on the dairy or livestock operation)	Manure management practices after implementation of proposed AMMP project
New practice to be adopted		Required
Manure collection system	Required	Required
For partial scrape systems, enter the percentage of manure that is flushed on annual basis		
Number of months per year livestock spend at pasture (if any)	Optional	Optional
Number of hours per day livestock spend at pasture (if any)	Optional	Optional
Primary Stage Solid Separation	Required	Required
Second Stage Solid Separation (if any)	Optional	Optional
Storage/treatment practice for separated/scraped solids	Required	
Is a flocculant used to increase separation efficiency?	Required	Required
Electricity consumption associated with manure management (MWh/year)	Required	Required
Diesel fuel consumption associated with manure		

[Read Me](#) [Definitions](#) [Project Info](#) [Project Data Inputs](#) [GHG Summary](#) [Co-benefits Summary](#) [Documentation](#)

California Climate Investments Quantification, Benefits, and Reporting Materials



Agriculture and Land Use

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Alternative Manure Management Program

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Reporting Template: [Alternative Manure Management Program](#)

Calculator Tool: [Alternative Manure Management Program Calculator Tool](#)

Quantification Methodology: [Alternative Manure Management Program QM](#)

User Guide: [Alternative Manure Management Program User Guide](#)

Priority Populations Benefit Assessment Tool: [Resource Recovery](#)



Dairy Digester Research and Development Program

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Reporting Template: [Dairy Digesters Research and Development](#)

Calculator Tool: [Dairy Digester Research and Development Program Calculator Tool](#)

Quantification Methodology: [Dairy Digester Research and Development Program QM](#)

User Guide: [Dairy Digester Research and Development Program User Guide](#)

Priority Populations Benefit Assessment Tool: [Resource Recovery](#)



California Air Resources Board		
Benefits Calculator Tool for the Alternative Manure Management Program		
California Climate Investments		
		
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AMMP applicants must enter the applicable information in the table below before proceeding with the project-specific data on the Inputs tab.		
Project Name:		Required
Application ID:		Required
Contact Name:		Required
Contact Phone Number:		Required
Contact Email:		Required
Date Calculator Completed:		Required
Total AMMP Funds Requested (\$):		Required
Matched Funds (\$):		Required
Total Funds (\$):	\$	-
Key for color-coded fields: Green Required input field Blue Optional input field* Grey Output field / not modifiable Yellow Helpful hints / important tips Black Not applicable *See "Documentation" tab for additional information		
Read Me Definitions Project Info Project Data Inputs GHG Summary Co-benefits Summary Documentation		

Screenshots for visual only; may not represent final versions

Benefits Calculator Tool Demo



Benefits Calculator Tool available at
<https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/tools>

Email Benefits Calculator Tool questions to: GGRFProgram@arb.ca.gov

Scoring Criteria



Categories	Max Points
Project Description and Work Plan	20
Nitrogen and Salt Management and Water Quality Improvements	10
Budget Worksheet	10
Estimated GHG Emission Reduction	10
Total	50

Appendix E: Detailed Scoring Criteria

SCORING CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND WORK PLAN	20
<u>Project Description (10 Points)</u> Addressed all requirements of the Project Description section, including, but not limited to: - Does the project description provide a thorough background on the operation, including herd details? - Does the project description include tons of manure handled through the proposed advanced manure management practice? Are current and proposed manure management practices clear and well described? - Is there a clear explanation for the selected funding scenario for the proposed project? The applicant must clearly articulate the source of additional funds. - Is there a clear distinction made between the proposed advanced manure management practice and the proposed/completed state-funded practice (i.e., AMMP and DDRDP) or approved AMMP and DDRDP-like practices, with an explanation of how it will provide additional greenhouse gas emission reductions and improve nitrogen and salt management in the dairy farm? - What co-benefits does the proposed project provide beyond greenhouse gas reduction? The applicant must describe the nitrogen and salt reduction co-benefits. - Does the project description demonstrate how the proposed project will positively impact both local communities and environmental conditions? Will the project provide benefits to priority populations? - Does the design clearly provide where, specifically, in the dairy footprint things are going to go? For example, the applicant described the operational size, dimensions of the proposed design, and showed the	

Online Application Platform Demo



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General Information Details

Project Information Details

Budget Narrative Details

Project Workplan and Objectives

Attachments Details

Resources

Dairy Plus Program webpage
(<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/dairyplus/>):

- [Request for Grant Applications](#)
- [Preview of Application Questions](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Online Application Platform Guide](#)

CDRF Webpage (<https://cdrf.org/advancing-markets-for-producers/>)

- [Farmer-to-Farmer Information on Alternative Manure Management practices](#)

Project Planning/Map tool:

- [AMMP Replan](#)

Grant Solicitations

The Dairy Plus Program is now accepting grant applications until 5:00 P.M. PT on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Information for Applicants

[Request for Grant Applications](#)

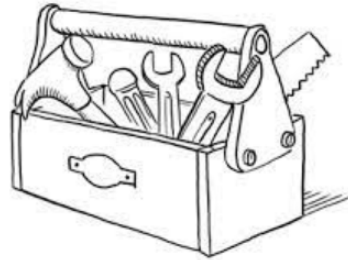
[Preview of Application Questions](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

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[Online Application Platform Guide](#)



The screenshot shows the California Dairy Research Foundation website. At the top is the logo with the text "CALIFORNIA DAIRY RESEARCH FOUNDATION Science for a Sustainable Future". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT CDRF, PROGRAMS & PROJECTS, DAIRY PLUS PROGRAM GRANT INFO, CDRF NEWS, and CONTACT. A central banner features a white cow silhouette on a green field background with the text "DairyPLUS PROGRAM". To the left of the banner is a vertical column of blue buttons with white text: "SIGN UP FOR PROGRAM NEWS!", "APPLY FOR YOUR GRANT NOW!", "INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE PRACTICES", "WEBINARS: KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS", and "APPLICATION ASSISTANCE". To the right of the banner, there is a white box with the text "2026 Dairy Plus Program Grant Applications Now Open!" and "Farmer-to-Farmer: AMMP Projects [CDQAP]" below it.

AMMP Project Planning Tool



RePlan: Regional Conservation and Development Planning Tool

Welcome to the CDFA AMMP Project Planning Tool

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) provides financial incentives for the implementation of non-digester manure management practices on dairy and livestock operations in California, which will result in reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This web application primarily provides tools for potential applicants to map out their project site's current practices and proposed alternative manure management practices which are supported by AMMP. The tool also assesses the proposed project's estimated GHG reductions (following the AMMP Quantification Methodology and accompanying Benefits Calculator Tool developed by the California Air Resources Board).

You will find it helpful to have certain information available about the dairy or livestock operation and proposed alternative manure management project in preparation to use this tool. This will allow you to most efficiently work through a complete project scenario. [View list of information you will need.](#)

START a session by clicking the Begin button below. You can then zoom to your project location by typing in an Address using the finder field or panning and zooming to your area of interest. You will then be able to describe and map your current manure management practices, and explore the benefits of one or more alternative manure management practices.

SAVING and NAVIGATING: if at any time you'd like to save your progress, you can click "Save URL" in the upper right hand corner. This will give you a unique link that will restore your saved progress at the point that link was created. To navigate, use the Back and Next buttons at the bottom of each screen in the tool – this will not clear your previous entries and work in a given session. Note: do not use your browser's back or refresh buttons, as this will result in the loss of your information.

IF you will be submitting an AMMP grant application using your selected alternative manure management proposal, a PDF report containing those project diagrams can be downloaded along with a partially populated Benefits Calculator Tool spreadsheet. The PDF report provides specific directions

Begin

<https://replan-tool.org/ammp/>

Project Overview



basemap credit: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Facility boundary
(approx 20.4 acres)

Project is located in Stanislaus county
at approximately -120.89770° E,
37.43627° N.



Benefits to Priority Populations:

Facility is not located in a community
included under AB 1550 Low-income
Communities or SB 535 Disadvantaged
Communities.

Proposed Manure Management Practices Diagram



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Test project 1 (application #: 1115)

Map elements:

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|---|--|
| 1: Feed storage area
Hay storage | 13: Open lot / Corral
Heifer Corrals
livestock present: Cattle: heifers (on feed) |
| 2: Wastewater storage
Storage lagoon | 14: Other point
Drainage issues during winter |
| 3: Pump
Irrigation pump | 16: Maternity/hospital barn
Specialty needs
livestock present: Cattle: dry cows |
| 4: Pump
Irrigation Pump | 17: Open lot / Corral
Milk Cow corrals
livestock present: Lactating Dairy Cows
(open lot) |
| 5: Manure storage area
Manure Drying area | 18: Milking parlor
Milk Barn |
| 6: Hay/commodity barn
Commodity barn | 19: Maternity/hospital barn
Close up Heifers/Springers
livestock present: Cattle: heifers (on feed) |
| 7: Settling basin
Settling Basin | 24: Feed storage area
Silage storage
will be added or modified by proposal |
| 9: Manure storage area
Manure drying area | 32: Compost bedded pack barn
Planned 1020' by 120' compost
bedded pack barn
will be added or modified by proposal |
| 10: Settling basin
Settling basin | |
| 12: Feed storage area
Silage and commodity area. | |

Questions and Answers (Q&A)



- Email questions to: cdfa.oefi_DairyPlus@cdfa.ca.gov (please add “2026 Dairy Plus Program Question” in the email Subject line)
- Questions & Answers will be posted to the Dairy Plus website: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/dairyplus/>

Questions Received by	Responses Posted by
July 3, 2026	July 10, 2026
July 24, 2026	July 31, 2026
August 21, 2026	August 28, 2026

Dairy Plus Program Technical Assistance



For direction in identifying available technical assistance and resources appropriate for your project type and region, please reach out to:

Denise Mullinax, CDRF, Executive Director – CDQAP,
Assistant Director

Phone: 209-585-6744

Email: cdqap@cdrf.org (please include “Dairy Plus TA” in the subject line)

CDRF Dairy Plus Program Webpage:

<https://cdrf.org/advancing-markets-for-producers/>



Where do I go from here?



Some helpful tips for getting started and submitting a Dairy Plus application:

- 1) Read through the 2026 Dairy Plus Program Request for Grant Applications (RGA)
- 2) Check out available resources and reach out with questions
- 3) Gather information and prepare materials:
 - Aim for consistency, clarity, and provide details about your unique operation and proposed project across the application
 - Respond to all prompts
 - Organize and name attachments & supporting docs clearly (ex. AttA_Sample Dairy)
- 4) GOATS Platform:
 - Use 'Preview' to check your online application for completeness
 - Make sure all required and prepared attachments are uploaded (and that they are the correct and filled out ones)
- 5) Don't wait until the last minute to submit!

Questions?



Thank You!

Dairy Plus Program websites:

CDFA: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/dairyplus/>

CDRF: <https://cdrf.org/advancing-markets-for-producers/>