



CDQAP Quality Assurance Update - January 2020

CDQAP Recaps 2019

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CDQAP kicked off 2019 after receiving CMAB's Golden Seal Award for 20 years of service to the dairy industry. The organization



continued to provide value-added, third-party environmental certifications, ensuring significant cost savings to producers. CDQAP also maintained its tradition of timely, relevant education and support for environmental stewardship, farm safety and security, animal well-being, and more. Highlights include:

- ✔ Develop key emergency alert guides to [prevent and control hay fires](#) and [determine emergency power](#) on dairies
- ✔ Update [evacuation needs](#) through flooding or fire
- ✔ Host [mental health webinar](#), providing education and resources to support farm families
- ✔ Deliver science-based, grass-roots education workshops on water quality compliance for North Coast & SF Bay Area producers
- ✔ Conduct Animal Stockmanship training program to train the trainers (FARM program requirement)
- ✔ Provide Online Environmental Stewardship Short Course & Air Quality Classes.
- ✔ Distribute monthly electronic newsletters with links to additional online resources
- ✔ Connect with the Central Valley Representative Monitoring Program in preparation for upcoming water quality changes
- ✔ Engage biweekly with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff and quarterly with CDQAP partners
- ✔ Certify more than 700 dairies in Environmental Stewardship, a certification that ensures facilities receive a **50% savings** in annual water quality permit fees

Air Workshops for Those Who Have Changed Farming Practices Since 2004

Have you added forage acres or replaced forage acres with trees? Producers in the San Joaquin Air District developed Conservation Management Practice (CMP) Plans to reduce dust (Rule 4550, 2004). Your Conservation Management Practice Plan needs to reflect current crops. The San Joaquin Air District is available to help. Ten District workshops will occur between January 23 and March 18. [Workshop information](#) is available for dates, times, locations, and what to bring. It's easier to update your Plan before an Air District inspection finds you out of compliance.

[Make Plans to Attend These Upcoming Events:](#)

Golden State Dairy Management Conference March 4 in Modesto



The University of California Cooperative Extension is pleased to present our third Golden State Dairy Management Conference, March 4, 2020 in Modesto, CA. The program features California topics for California dairies. News California producers can use including a general session on alternative meat (facts vs. fiction), as well as concurrent sessions for research updates on crop production, animal health, animal nutrition, and current hot topics.

For more information, contact your local UCCE Dairy Advisor or visit our [conference website](#) to register.

California Dairy Sustainability Summit March 25-26 in Sacramento

The second California Dairy Sustainability Summit will take place March 25-26, 2020 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. The event brings together dairy farmers and processors, policy makers, researchers, technology providers, industry leaders, and other key stakeholders to celebrate dairy's important role in a sustainable global food system, recognize achievements to date, and prepare for the future. Through engaging and interactive sessions, the Summit will help producers embrace opportunities and overcome the challenges ahead. To learn more, watch the [one-minute video](#) and register today at www.cadairysummit.com. The early bird registration rate for dairy farmers ends **January 31**.

