



# Funds are available for off-road agriculture equipment and conservation management practices

## *Ag Air Quality Workshops*

**Wednesday, 5/27**

**9 am: Thomason Tractor,**  
985 12th St, Firebaugh  
**2 pm: Fresno County Farm Bureau,**  
1274 W. Hedges Ave, Fresno  
**6 pm: Madera County Fairgrounds,  
Van Alen Hall,**  
1850 W. Cleveland Ave, Madera

**Friday, 5/29**

**9 am: Kern Ag Pavilion,**  
3300 E. Belle Terrace, Bakersfield  
**2 pm: Tulare County Ag Commissioner/  
UCCE Auditorium,**  
4437 S. Laspina, Tulare

**Tuesday, 6/2**

**10 am: San Mateo County Fairgrounds  
EXPO Cafe,**  
2495 S. Delaware St, San Mateo  
**3 pm: Sonoma County Farm Bureau,**  
970 Piner Rd, Santa Rosa

**Wednesday, 6/3**

**8 am: Yuba-Sutter County Fairgrounds,  
Franklin Hall,**  
442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City

**Thursday, 6/4**

**2 pm: El Dorado County Ag Building,**  
311 Fair Lane, Placerville

**Monday, 6/8**

**1 pm: U.C. Coop Extension, Ventura,**  
669 County Square Dr, Ste. 100,  
Ventura

**Tuesday, 6/9**

**1:30 pm: Riverside County Farm Bureau,**  
21160 Box Springs Rd, Ste. 102,  
Moreno Valley

**Wednesday, 6/10**

**8 am: Imperial County Farm Bureau,**  
1000 Broadway, El Centro

**Tuesday, 6/16**

**8 am: Merced County Farm Bureau,**  
646 S. Highway 59, Merced  
**1 pm: Stanislaus County Farm Bureau,**  
1201 L St, Modesto  
**5:30 pm: San Joaquin County Farm  
Bureau,**  
3290 N. Ad Art Rd, Stockton

### **Eligible Combustion Engines may include:**

**Tractors • Harvesters • Spray rigs • Portable & stationary  
irrigation pumps • Off-road vehicles; and other  
conservation management practices**

Funds are available to farmers and ranchers interested in reducing air quality emissions from off-road mobile or stationary agricultural sources. The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now taking applications to provide cost-share funds to replace, repower, or retrofit existing engines under a new air quality provision of the 2008 Federal Farm Bill, provided through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The deadline to apply is June 26, 2009.

Producers in 36 counties are eligible to use the funds to help reduce ozone and particulate matter emissions. Priority will be given to replacing older, higher-polluting engines with newer, reduced-emission technology engines that meet or exceed current emission standards. Stationary, portable and heavy-duty off-road mobile systems are eligible.

Other eligible practices to reduce fugitive dust (particulate matter) include conservation tillage, harvest activities, precision pest control and manure injection. Up to \$22 million is available for this program. In addition, certain regional Air Pollution Control Districts may provide co-funding opportunities.

A series of workshops is being held throughout California to provide detailed information on the program and to help prepare applications. Representatives from the USDA's NRCS and Farm Services Agencies (FSA), Regional Air Districts, agricultural associations and farm equipment dealers will be at each workshop to answer questions and to help producers determine if they are eligible for the program.



**BRING your engine(s)  
information:**

**Model, Year, and Hours Run per year.**

**Producers must be registered with the USDA-FSA  
to be eligible for the federal program.**

**REMEMBER: June 26 is the application deadline.**