



Precision
Agriculture



Funding Resources for California Farmers

At Netafim we believe the farmer is the foundation to a more sustainable, profitable, and prosperous world.

Precision irrigation and agriculture helps farmers grow more with less to achieve a food, water, and land secure future. By developing, deploying and driving mass adoption of precision irrigation and agriculture solutions to maximize crop yield with minimal resources.

But we know this is an investment. And when times are hard, access to capital can mean the difference between farming day-to-day, or farming for our future.

This is why at Netafim, we stand by our farmers.

Netafim partners in solutions with and for our farmers as they make the investment to meet the water challenges of today and prosper into the future.

State Programs

/ SWEEP

Currently closed due to state budget constraints. Standby for future funding announcements.

- Eligibility & Cap: Farmers, ranchers, tribes. Applicant must be 18 and cannot submit more than one application. \$600,000 cap since program started in 2014 as determined by tax ID number. Medical/recreational cannabis not eligible.
- Goal: Irrigation systems that maximize water conservation AND GHG reductions. * (A new requirement to the SWEEP program. Speak with a Netafim representative for documentation regarding GHG reductions with drip irrigation.)
- Practices: Irrigation Scheduling Tools (NRCS Practice Standard 449); System Changes (NRCS 441, 442, 443); Fuel Conversion; Improved Energy Efficiency of Pumps and Addition of VFDs (NRCS 372, 533); Low Pressure Systems (NRCS 441, 442); Reduced Pumping through Water Savings; Reduced Nitrous Oxide Emissions.
- Grant Max: \$200,000 and 18 months. Match funds encouraged, not required.
- Program site: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/>

/ SWEEP Block Grants

A new program as of 2023. Contact grant recipients below if your farm is in one of the awarded geographies: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/docs/sweep_bgr_contacts_list.pdf

- \$5M to Stockton East Water District
- \$5M to Glenn County Resource Conservation District
- \$5M to Resource Conservation District of Tehama County
- \$5M to Butte County Farm Bureau
- \$5M to Solano County Farm Bureau
- \$4.9M to Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
- \$4.9M to Ventura County Resource Conservation District
- \$4M to Colusa Indian Community Council
- \$3.5M to CA Land Stewardship Institute

Dairy Farmers

California and Netafim have a number of resources for you! Visit <https://www.netafimusa.com/sdi-e/> for more information.



Alternative Manure Management Program:

- Provides financial assistance for the implementation of non-digester manure management practices in California, which will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- The maximum grant award is \$750,000 per application.
- APPLICATION: Accepting grant applications until 5:00 P.M. PT on Friday, October 18, 2024
- <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ammp/>

Dairy Digester Research and Development Program:

- Provides financial assistance for the installation of dairy digesters in California, which will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Cdfa does not limit the total project budget but requires a minimum 50% match; applicants can provide additional matching funds.
- APPLICATION: Accepting grant applications until 5:00 P.M. PT on Friday, October 18, 2024
- <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/ddrdp/>

Dairy Plus Program:

- This program will award competitive grants to California dairy farms for the implementation of advanced manure management practices that reduce both methane emissions and nutrient surplus.
- Up to \$1.25M per project. Matching funds required in certain scenarios.
- Application: Open July 2024; Applications due 10/14
- [Click here](#) for Netafim' Dairy Plus 2024 Guide
- <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/dairyplus/>

Federal Programs

For all USDA programs – NRCS, FSA, or RMA - contact your local service center today. You can find yours by visiting [Farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov)

/ USDA NRCS EQIP

- Ongoing: Applications accepted anytime, awarded on a rolling basis. Farmers apply directly to NRCS office in their area or ask Netafim rep for NRCS assistance.
- EQIP Info: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/california/environmental-quality>
- Examples of Commonly Used Practice Codes: 441 Microirrigation: \$1,997.31 / acre for subsurface drip irrigation (SDI) & \$2,978.74 / acre for SDI using manure effluent

/ USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

- Farmers looking to switch from pivot to drip irrigation and incorporating a renewable energy or energy efficiency component can consider the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans/ca>

/ USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

- Competitive grants that drive public and private sector innovation in resource conservation. CIG projects inspire creative problem-solving—boosting production on farms, ranches, and private forests through improvements in water quality, soil health, and wildlife habitat.
- CIG applications are accepted from state or local governments, federally recognized American Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals in all 50 states; and the maximum CIG award is set annually by the NRCS Chief and historically has been either \$1 million or \$2 million.
- Farmers can apply for CIG directly or may be eligible for assistance through existing awarded grants.
- Ask your local NRCS Service Center or Visit <https://cig.sc.egov.usda.gov/cig-projects> to find projects in your state.

USDA NRCS EQIP

Contact your local water district, agency, or authority, and ask if they currently have any WaterSmart programs available to assist you with your precision irrigation project today!

Water & Energy Efficiency (WEEG)

- Periodic announcements, currently applications are due 10/30/2024
- Eligibility: Tribal governments, Irrigation or Water Districts, City / Township; County; or State governments; 501c3 Nonprofits (other than higher education)
- Payment: 50% cost share
- Program site: <https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/>

Cooperative Watershed Management Program

- Periodic announcements, currently applications are due 9/04/2024
- Eligibility: A watershed group is a self-sustaining, non-regulatory group that is composed of a diverse array of stakeholders, which may include, but is not limited to, private property owners, non-profit organizations, Federal, state, or local agencies, and tribes.
- Purpose: Watershed Group Development, Watershed Restoration Planning, or Implementation of Watershed Management Projects.
- Payment: \$100,000 per year for 3 yrs; no cost-share required.
- Program site: https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/cwmp/docs/CWMP_FactSheet_2022.pdf

Netafim Corporate Partnership Program

- Companies have certain requirements, including baseline water use and tracking water use after the irrigation system upgrade. Think of it like a government cost share without the grant application.
- For example: Food, beverage, consumer packaged goods (CPG), technology, and other companies with sustainability goals are setting “Water Positive” goals where they seek verifiable water reduction in “critically stressed watersheds,” such as the Central Valley.
- Netafim has a team dedicated to arranging these Corporate Partnerships. Contact your local or regional Netafim representative if you are interested in seeing if your irrigation upgrade qualifies for corporate partnership today!

Additional Resources

Please ask your Netafim rep about additional local resources through our nationwide agronomy team and [dealer network](#).



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