

## Financial and Technical Resources

**Natural Resource and Conservation (NRCS)** – offers programs that provide assistance to growers who pursue conservation measures. <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/farmers.html> (for farmers ranchers)

The following are two such programs:

1. **California Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** – provides financial and technical assistance to growers engaged in conservation practices.  
<http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html>
2. **Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)** – provides financial and technical assistance to growers that contribute to water enhancement.  
<http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/awep.html>

**California Association of Resource Conservation Districts** – describes conservation projects taking place in association with RCDs.

<http://carcd.org/home0.aspx>

**California Resource Conservation Districts** (List of all) – provide educational, financial, technical assistance to growers promoting conservation.

<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/CaliforniaRCDs.aspx>

**UC Cooperative Extension** – provides outreach advisors and specialists that offer assistance to growers.

[http://ucanr.org/County\\_Offices/](http://ucanr.org/County_Offices/)

**Guide to Beneficial Management Practices for California Fruit, Vegetable and Nut Growers** – outlines environmental stewardship practices and their benefits for specialty crop growers.

<http://www.farmland.org/programs/states/ca/Guide-California-Fruit-Vegetable-Nut-Growers.asp>

**Alternative Farming Systems Information Center** – provides resources about sustainable farming.

<http://afsic.nal.usda.gov/>

**California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance** – provides resources and workshops on sustainable winegrowing and offers a sustainable winegrowing certification.

<http://www.sustainablewinegrowing.org/>

**UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program** – aims to assist growers in implementing sustainable practices and to educate the public about sustainable agriculture.

<http://sarep.ucdavis.edu/>

**California Agricultural Tourism Directory** – features a directory of agritourism opportunities offered at farms throughout California. It can be searched by location or activity. The broad activity categories include: accommodations, direct agricultural sales, educational experience, entertainment, outdoor education, and miscellaneous. Each category is further divided into more specific categories, each containing numerous farms or ranches. <http://www.calagtour.org/>

**California Rangeland Trust** – assists in ranchers in securing conservation easements on their lands in order to preserve natural habitats. <http://www.rangelandtrust.org/>

**African American Farmers of California** – provides demonstration plots and technical instruction to farmers. Practices on the farm plots include drip irrigation, pest management, and crop rotation. Produce is sold at farmer's markets.