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CDFA Extends Application Deadline for the Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program until October 16th: Today the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) announced it would extend the application deadline for the new Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program until October 16th.

California Dairy Campaign (CDC) joined a coalition of organizations including Dairy Cares members to call for CDFA to extend the deadline by two weeks until October 16th. The joint letter stated, "Interest in the program is very high and dairy organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and CDFA have all been working cooperatively and diligently to increase awareness about this new program." The letter later warned, "We think this (deadline extension) is particularly important in the launch year of this project, as a low number of applications, or poor-quality applications, could be misinterpreted as lack of interest in AMMP-funded projects."

The AMMP program will provide up to \$16 million in grants to California dairy or livestock producers for using manure management practices that reduce methane emissions and maximize environmental benefits. **CDFA will fund up to 100% of the total project cost with a maximum grant award of \$750,000 per project.**

Tomorrow in Modesto, the University of California Davis will hold a technical assistance workshop to assist dairy producers with their AMMP applications at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center.

AMMP Technical Assistance Workshop in Modesto

Thursday, September 28, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 3800 Cornucopia Way,

Suite B Modesto, CA 95358

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More information about the AMMP program can be found on the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) web site at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/AMMP/>

According to CDFA: Either the installation of a new solid separation system at a livestock operation that does not currently employ solid separation, or the installation of a new solid separation system with significantly higher separation efficiency than the existing solid separation technology may be eligible for AMMP grant funding.

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