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It's very early to know what will happen with farms and farmers in 2018, but USDA has just put out its early farm income forecast for this year. (Gary Crawford and Rob Johansson)

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## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AWARDS \$9.64 MILLION FOR ALTERNATIVE MANURE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS



SACRAMENTO, January 31, 2018 – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has awarded \$9.64 million in grant funding to 17 alternative manure management projects across the state. These projects, part of the Alternative Manure Management Program, or AMMP, will reduce greenhouse gas emissions on California dairy farms and livestock operations by using manure management practices that are alternatives to dairy digesters (i.e. non-digester projects).

When livestock manure decomposes in wet conditions, it produces methane, a greenhouse gas 72 times more powerful than carbon dioxide. Changing manure management practices so that manure is handled in a dry form can help significantly reduce methane emissions. These reductions contribute to the state's overall short-lived climate pollutant strategy under Senate Bill 1383, which aims to reduce California's methane emissions to 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030.

“California dairy farmers are leading the way in proactively addressing greenhouse gas emissions” said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. “I am excited to see both the diversity of farms and the variety of non-digester manure

management practices being adopted through these projects that will help meet the state's climate goals.”

Financial assistance for the implementation of non-digester practices comes from California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that uses Cap-and-Trade program funds to support the state's climate goals. CDFR and other state agencies are investing these proceeds in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide additional benefits to California communities. AMMP grant recipients will provide an estimated \$2.7 million in matching funds for the development of their projects.

Information about the 2017 Alternative Manure Management Program projects is available at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oe/AMMP/>.