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UCCE Launches Farm Water Quality Newsletter

Farm Water Quality Short Course participants asked for more information on integrating environmental quality with crop production practices and UCCE websites launching the quarterly electronic newsletter "UCCE Farm Water Quality News." This newsletter provides updates on events, regulations, and research, plus a technical tip. To subscribe for online delivery notifications of newly posted editions, you can download quarterly issues from county Cooperative Extension Websites. If you lack access to the internet and wish to receive the newsletter, contact your county UCCE farm advisor or Mary Bianchi at 805-781-5949.

AWQA CONTACTS

Website www.awqa.org
More local contact info available at http://www.awqa.org/farmers/workshop.html
Calendar of events and continuing ed: http://www.awqa.org/involved/workshops.php

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2007-2008

2007-2008 was a successful period for AWQA partners. Agencies responded to grower needs by addressing barriers created by food safety and permitting issues. Growers responded by collaborating on field trials and watershed projects.

This report highlights just some of the many accomplishments of the AWQA partnership during 2007-2008.

The Central Coast of California abounds in natural resources. Its rugged coastline and rolling valleys support a diverse, $5 Billion dollar agricultural industry that produces more than 200 crops. The region is also home to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the largest national marine sanctuary in the United States. This underwater biodiversity intensifies in this rich but fragile landscape, the protection of water resources grows increasingly urgent. Farmers are up against a number of challenges to stay viable, comply with regulations, and protect natural resources. In response to these challenges, farmers and agencies on the Central Coast have formed the Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA).

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