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## Bill to Help Farmers Take On Climate Change Signed by the Governor

Assembly Bill 2377, authored by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks), was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown earlier today. This bill funds technical assistance for farmers and ranchers seeking to transition to Climate Smart Agriculture. AB 2377 was sponsored by CalCAN and supported by dozens of agriculture and environmental organizations and had unanimous support in both the Assembly and Senate.

California is the nation's leader in food production and contributes significantly to our global food security and state economy. California has over 77,000 farms and ranches which are vulnerable to the effects of climate change. California's Climate Smart Agriculture programs provide important financial resources to encourage farmers and ranchers to adopt farm management practices that will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increase carbon sequestering to help meet the state's GHG emissions reduction target.

The bill requires that 5 percent of the annual budgets for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEET), the

up to three years. The bill prioritizes technical assistance for small and moderately-scaled farms and ranches and requires at least 25 percent of the technical assistance funds available to be provided to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

We expect this bill to be a game changer for the state's Climate Smart Agriculture programs, driving more participation, assuring more effective projects and leveling the playing field for producers of all sizes.

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## CalCAN Summit Save the Date: March 4 & 5, 2019

Join us for the 6th California Climate & Agriculture Summit and a celebration of CalCAN's 10th birthday. The conference will take place at UC Davis, with a preceding day of farm tours in the Yolo County area.

A diverse set of experts will offer presentations, workshops and posters on a range of climate and agriculture science, practice and policy. Stay tuned for more details!

Early bird registration opens Monday, December 3, 2018.

## Become a Summit Sponsor

We are looking for sponsors for our California Climate and Agriculture Summit on March 4th and 5th. Your support will help underwrite the cost of this unique event and support the work of CalCAN generally.

The Summit brings together approximately 350 farmers and ranchers, researchers, policymakers, advocates, and agriculture professionals from around the state.

For more information, contact Lauren Lum at [lauren@calclimateag.org](mailto:lauren@calclimateag.org) or [click here](#).

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