

Outreach and Education

Maximizing Environmental Compliance

» California leads the nation in dairy outreach and education efforts, as evidenced by the efforts of the award-winning California Dairy Quality Assurance Program. This unique partnership involving state and federal government agencies, dairy associations and the University of California is dedicated to “compliance through education.”

Along with several dairy organizations, CDQAP (www.cdqa.org) partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California EPA, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and many others. The program offers education and independent third-party certification in environmental stewardship, animal welfare, food safety and emergency preparedness and other services.

With strong support from California dairy groups, CDQAP reaches out to educate and inform dairy farmers about new regulations to further enhance air and water quality protection. CDQAP has conducted hundreds of workshops to enhance environmental sustainability and ensure California dairy families have the information and resources they need to remain in compliance with our state’s comprehensive and evolving environmental regulations.



“CDQAP was integral in helping dairy producers achieve an extremely high rate of compliance with our new air quality rules.”

SAMIR SHEIKH
Permit Services Manager
San Joaquin Valley United
Air Pollution Control District



The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program received the 2007 Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for environmental outreach and education efforts. CDQAP has been widely credited with helping dairy producers achieve near 100 percent compliance with new air and water quality regulations. Dr. Michael Payne and Dr. Deanne Meyer (holding awards) accepted the honors on behalf of CDQAP partners. Helping to bestow the honor were Cal-EPA Secretary Linda Adams (second from right), Secretary of Food and Agriculture A.G. Kawamura (fifth from right), State Water Resources Control Board Chair Tam Doduc (fourth from left), California Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman (sixth from right) and Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Dale Bonner (fifth from left).