

# Agriculture Programs

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The San Diego County Water Authority recognizes that farming plays an essential role in our region's economy, with a production value of almost \$1.66 billion in 2022. This is driven by the more than 4,000 farmers who make their living on 210,732 acres of farmland within the County.

To help San Diego farms achieve water and cost savings, the Water Authority has collaborated with Mission Resources Conservation District, the County of San Diego, and Metropolitan Water District to provide the various programs below.



## Irrigation System Evaluation

A free on-site evaluation is available for agricultural properties with at least one acre of irrigated crops or trees. Each site also receives observations and recommendations such as emission uniformity and pressure readings, irrigation water quality issues, water budget and use analysis recommendations, and maintenance procedures. This program is available to well or municipal water users.

**To schedule an evaluation with a participating RCD, visit [missionrcd.org](https://missionrcd.org) or [rcdsandiego.org](https://rcdsandiego.org)**

## Water Savings Incentive Program\*

Metropolitan Water District's Water Savings Incentive Program provides rebates to agricultural and non-residential consumers for implementing custom projects that improve water efficiency. The program provides incentives based on the amount of potable water saved. Most incentives are \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons of water saved.

**For more info, visit [SoCalWaterSmart.com](https://SoCalWaterSmart.com)**

## Ag Irrigation Efficiency Rebates\*

This program encourages improved agricultural irrigation efficiency through technical assistance, rebates, and incentives for Water Authority customers who use municipal water for irrigation. Participants receive a free initial site evaluation and recommendations to improve water efficiency. A post-evaluation is completed following installation of recommended equipment.

Rebates start at \$1000 per acre (up to cost of equipment) and can be higher depending on water savings. Note: Program ends in June 2025 or when funding is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

**Visit [SDCWA.org/Agricultural-rebates-programs/](https://SDCWA.org/Agricultural-rebates-programs/) for full program details**

**Programs are available for a limited time. Apply now!**

\*Rebates and incentives may have tax implications. Please contact your tax professional for more information.



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