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Climate change's impact on farming is conference topic

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"Row-crop Farming and Climate Change: What the Future Holds," a conference sponsored by the California Agricultural Technology Institute (CATI), will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Fresno State University Satel lite Student Union.

The free public event is hosted in collaboration with the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Cotton Gin ners and Growers associations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service and Sustainable Conservation, a nonprofit environmental organization that works to promote environmentally and economically sound business practices.

Conference participants will examine how new climate-change legislation and air-quality requirements will affect b usinesses.

Luncheon keynote speaker Greg Johnson will discuss scientific coordination on the national and regional stages for climate change in agriculture. He is the leader of USDA's Air Quality and Atmospheric Change Team headquartered in Portlan d, Ore.

To register for the conference, contact Ariana Fernandez of the California Farm Bureau Federation at 916-446-4647 or afernandez@cfbf.com. The deadline is Thursday.

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