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Tractor replacement help for farmers

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Starting Monday, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will accept applications for a program to help farmers pay to replace their old tractors and some other vehicles with new, cleaner-running versions.

The Agricultural Tractor / Mobile Equipment Replacement Program will cover up to 80 percent of the replacement costs to replace qualifying loaders, balers, combines, graders, tractors and some other agricultural vehicles.

All the vehicles have to currently be in use for agricultural work, and a contract with the air district is needed before buying the new vehicles. The amount awarded for replacement costs is based on the horsepower of the new vehicle, but amounts awarded can be limited if a high number of farmers apply.

Learn more about the program and apply online at <http://tinyurl.com/9gxbmut>.