

Directory of California Farmer Education & Support Services Organizations

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Alameda County RCD

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Livermore, CA 94550-6710
(925) 371-0154
www.acrcd.org



Mission: The Alameda County RCD provides technical and educational services to promote natural resource conservation and agriculture enhancement in Alameda County and the region.

Activities & Programming: Provide support, technical assistance and educational opportunities to promote resource conservation and sustainable agriculture. Additional work focuses specifically on enhancing food system infrastructure and supporting beginning farmers.

Regions Served: Alameda County and East Bay

Agricultural Land Based Training Association (ALBA)

P.O. Box 6264
Salinas, California 93912
(831) 758-1469
www.albafarmer.org



Mission: Our overall goal is to create greater economic opportunities for small farms while promoting ecological land management and healthy local foods. Objectives accomplished in pursuit of this goal include training in organic farm production, marketing, record-keeping, labor law, pest management and numerous other topics related to operating a small farm business.

Activities & Programming: Farmer Education Course, Farmer Incubator, and Food Hub. 2016 Goals: Organic Careers Development. Services include: business consulting, marketing consulting, production consulting. Delivery Format: consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance.

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Community Alliance with Farmers (CAFF)

PO Box 363
Davis, California 95617
(530) 756-8518
www.caff.org



Mission: CAFF's mission is to build sustainable food and farming systems through policy advocacy and on- the-ground programs that create more resilient family farms, communities and ecosystems.

Activities & Programming: CAFF helps farmers by 1) Policy Advocacy by creating and changing state and national legislation; 2) Providing Farmer Services, working directly with farmers to get access to new markets (food safety planning, access to direct markets and farm to cafeteria) and improve their growing practices. 3) Climate Smart Ag Workshops coming in 2016. Delivery format: consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance.

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California Center for Cooperative Development (CCCD)

979 F Street, Suite A-1
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 297-1032
www.cccd.coop



Mission: The mission of the California Center for Cooperative Development is to promote cooperatives as a vibrant business model to address the economic and social needs of our communities.

Activities & Programming: Education and technical support for farmers looking to create grower-owned businesses for marketing, supply purchasing, and equipment sharing. Group GAP coming in 2016. Delivery Format: consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance.

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California FarmLink

303 Potrero Street, Suite 29-201
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
www.californiafarmlink.org



Mission: The mission of California FarmLink is to link independent farmers and ranchers to the land and financing they need for a sustainable future.

Activities & Programming: Our Land Access Program maintains a FarmLand Listing database of land available for lease or sale connecting farmers and landowners, and supports them through various types of technical assistance. The Farm Opportunities Loan Program provides flexibly structured financing to underserved, low-income, immigrant and beginning farmers across the state for operating, equipment and infrastructure loans. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance, printed and online educational materials.

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California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)

2155 Delaware Avenue, Suite 150
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 423-2263
www.CCOF.org



Mission: CCOF is a nonprofit organization that advances organic agriculture for a healthy world through organic certification, education, advocacy, and promotion. We envision a world where organic is the norm.

Activities & Programming: The CCOF Foundation envisions a world where organic is the norm. We advance organic agriculture for a healthy world through education and hardship grants, technical assistance, and consumer education. We are proud to build upon more than 40 years of CCOF's commitment to growing organic. Our two major offerings for beginner farmers are The Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund and the Organic Training Institute. The Future Organic Farmer Grant Fund is the only fund in the nation that provides educational grants exclusively to students and teachers of organic agriculture. Grant recipients (are made to) include K-8th grade teachers, high school, and vocational and higher education students, and works with teachers in low-income communities and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Since 2013, the fund has disbursed nearly \$150,000 and impacted more than 6,000 students, teachers and their families. The Organic Training Institute educates and connects farmers, processors and ranchers with resources to be successful in organic production. Over the last two years, the CCOF Foundation. educated more than 1,000 people through workshops, webinars and field days.

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Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS)

1156 High St
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
(831) 459-3240
www.casfs.ucsc.edu



Mission: The mission of the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS or the Center) is to research, develop, and advance sustainable food and agricultural systems that are environmentally sound, economically viable, socially responsible, nonexploitative, and that serve as a foundation for future generations.

Activities & Programming: The Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS) is a research, education, and public service program based at the 30-acre organic farm and 3-acre organic garden at UC Santa Cruz. CASFS trains organic farmers through its 6- and 12-month Apprenticeship programs (scholarships available), offers free and low-cost beginning farmer workshops, and teaches other audiences from undergraduates to home gardeners. CASFS shares its training materials online for free, including the revised and expanded Teaching Organic Farming and Gardening: Resources for Instructors, and Teaching Direct Marketing and Small Farm Viability: Resources for Instructors. See casfs.ucsc.edu for more information. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance, data & analytics about the sector overall, program evaluation, in person events, online and printed educational materials.

Regions Served: Regional, national, international

Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL), Farm Academy

5265 Putah Creek Rd
Winters, CA 95694
(530) 795-1520
www.landbasedlearning.org



Mission: The Center for Land-Based Learning exists to cultivate opportunity. For the land. For youth. For the environment. For business. For the future of agriculture.

Activities & Programming: The California Farm Academy offers a 7-month training program for beginning farmers, as well as the opportunity for new farmers to start their businesses with staff and infrastructure support on multiple sites in West Sacramento, Davis, and Winters as part of the incubator program. Additionally, other programs through the Center for Land-Based Learning offer hands-on learning experiences on farms in Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties for high school students. Efforts in 2016: Launch of the Sacramento Valley Beginning Farmer Apprenticeship Program - an accredited agricultural apprenticeship program in collaboration with the Department of Apprenticeship Standards and Soil Born Farms. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance.

Regions Served: Sacramento Valley

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Center for Sustainability (CFS), Cal Poly SLO

California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0250
(805) 756-5086
www.cfs.calpoly.edu



Mission: Using a holistic approach to today's challenges and opportunities in agriculture and the management of natural resources, the Center seeks to strengthen synergistic linkages across disciplines to provide a robust framework supporting 'Agriculture for Tomorrow.'

Activities & Programming: The Center for Sustainability is an auxiliary unit within the College of Agriculture that provides coordination of and outreach for sustainable agricultural activity on campus and in the community. This primarily involves hosting educational events, providing professional development and supporting special projects. It has also involved development of curricula (such as for organic agriculture) and fostering relationships within the regional food system. Efforts in 2016: We are currently developing an online resource for assessing and cultivating soil health and also a potential extended education training program for Veterans entering agriculture. Delivery Format: In-person events.

Regions Served: Central Coast

Center for the Study of the Americas-International Agroecology Program (SOCLA)

2288 Fulton St. Suite 103
Berkeley, CA 94704
www.socla.co or www.socla.co/en



Mission: The main goal of this program is to promote agroecological initiatives that exert a positive impact on the livelihoods and food sovereignty of small farming communities in various Latin American countries.

Activities & Programming: Research, training and publications on agroecology, urban agriculture, ecologically based pest management and seeding of climate change resilient farming systems, International Agroecology Conference every two years (2017, 2018) and online courses. Efforts in 2016: Short course on urban agroecology June 2016 Delivery Format: Printed or online educational materials, references, etc.

Regions Served: Global, Latin America, Emphasis on exchanges with California/Latin American Agroecologists

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Central Coast Grown

246 S Higuera St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805)769-8344
www.centralcoastgrown.org



Mission: Central Coast Grown creates strong connections among farmers, the public and the land to nourish our community, support local agriculture, and make local food products accessible for all.

Activities & Programming: We manage 20 acres of city-owned land on which 4 beginning farmer tenants lease acreage. we also offer educational programs to the continuation high school and our local PREPARE program (18-22 year olds with disabilities) Efforts in 2016: Providing educational workshops, farmer organizing through Farmers Guild. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance, in person events, printed and online education materials.

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Ecological Farming Association

2901 Park Avenue, Suite D-2
Soquel, CA 95073
(831) 763-2111
www.eco-farm.org



Mission: The mission of the Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm) is to nurture healthy, just, and ecologically sustainable farms, food systems, and communities by bringing people together for education, alliance building, advocacy, and celebration.

Activities & Programming: EcoFarm provides events and resources that bring together farmers and food system stakeholders to learn and explore ecological farming, business practices and policies influencing the entire food system. Since its 1981 inception, the annual Ecological Farming Conference has been crucial to the sustainable and organic agriculture movement on the West Coast. Over 1800 farmers and food-system stakeholders convene at conference, a networking hub and incubator of initiatives around beginning farmers, climate change, conservation, and marketing.

Thousands more are participating in Capay Valley's HoesDown Festival and the Organic Stonefruit Jubilee in San Joaquin Valley. The farmer-led Ecological Farmers & Ranchers Alliance (EFRA) furthers the success of farmers and ranchers pursuing triple-bottom-line businesses (honoring the planet, people and profit) through collaborative programs.

Nationwide, people rely on consistent and timely information from EcoFarm, including Genetic Engineering News Service, and EcoFarm provides a bi-weekly Sustainable Ag Jobs List service with over 12,000 subscribers. Efforts in 2016: Current Ecological Farmers & Ranchers Alliance (EFRA) Initiatives: Livestock Producers -The Livestock Producers Committee is working on the creation of collaborative services for Central Coast meat producers and other regional meat producers. The group is currently exploring a "Plant in a Box" (PIB) that could be an alternative to a full production USDA inspected meat processing facility. Food Safety Clearinghouse- This online tool helps farmers understand how food safety affects them and how to determine their action plans and next steps in order to be compliant with current regulations. Seed Growers Network - The Seed Growers Network is currently working with Seed Revolution Now! and the Organic Seed Alliance to conduct variety trials and data collection of locally-adapted, public domain seed varieties for commercial use. Grain Growers Group- The goal of this newly formed group is to support local and heritage grain growing, milling and processing. Food Justice Certification - AJP is offering EFRA

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guidance in triple bottom line standards and how to support farmers towards food justice certification. Delivery Format: In-person events.

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Elkhorn Slough Estuarine Research Reserve (ESERR)

1700 Elkhorn Road
Watsonville, CA 95076
(831) 274-8700
www.elkhornsloughctp.org



Mission: The goal of the Coastal Training Program is to improve decision-making related to coastal resources management at local and regional levels. The program aims to provide coastal decision makers with knowledge and tools they need to address critical resource management issues.

Activities & Programming: Water quality expertise and information related to the Elkhorn Slough Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance.

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Farmer Veteran Coalition

4614 2nd Street, Suite 4
Davis, CA 95618
(530) 756-1395
farmvetco.org



Mission: The mission of the Farmer Veteran Coalition is mobilizing veterans to feed America. We help veterans launch their farm careers, build their farm businesses and find viable employment in the agricultural industry.

Activities & Programming: In the coming months we will be expanding our efforts in California to help veterans get training and education at California schools and farm training programs, expand our efforts to get veterans internships on successful farm operations, support veteran farms through our Homegrown Heroes. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance.

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FarmsReach

PO Box 7488
Berkeley, CA 94707
(415) 658-5405
www.farmsreach.com



Mission: The FarmsReach online platform and strategic community events help family farmers and agriculture organizations to connect, learn, and be more successful.

Activities & Programming: Through our online platform, farmers share information with each other, connect with farm advisors and service providers, access practical toolkits, and source inputs and supplies. By partnering with agriculture organizations, we offer an evolving mix of farm services and develop sector events to bolster our collective impact. FarmsReach's ultimate goal is to help farmers help each other and to help organizational partners expand their reach in the farming community.

Before switching our focus to farm education and support services, FarmsReach operated several farm-to-chef and farm-to-institution programs and developed software for regional distribution. In 2011, we published a popular white paper, "Building Regional Produce Supply Chains," that highlights the obstacles and opportunities in local food distribution.

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Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture

16200 North HWY 101
Willits, CA 95490
www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org



Mission: The GSAA is an educational training center that equips the current and next generation of farmers and advocates with essential skills in the science, art and business of food. Through vocational workshops and its flagship program, an intensive 14 week, residential agriculture course, the GSAA has gained a reputation for being one of the premier agriculture schools in Northern California.

Activities & Programming: We offer immersive training for adults in animal husbandry, crop production, business management, and industrial arts in a 14 week residential program. The education is split between guided field work on a demonstration farm, over 30 field trips, classroom lessons and workshops. Every Winter and early Spring we offer a series of continuing education workshops for farmers and ranchers. Efforts in 2016: The program is in its' first three years of capacity building, with opportunities springing up each year and an approach that takes in feedback to adapt our programs. Delivery Format: in-person events

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Holistic Management International (HMI)

5941 Jefferson St. NE, Suite B
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 842-5252
www.holisticmanagment.org



Mission: Our mission is to educate people in regenerative agriculture for healthy land and thriving communities.

Activities & Programming: Place-based and online classes in Whole Farm/Ranch Business Planning, Whole Farm/Ranch Land Management, and Beginning Farmer/Rancher Training

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Kitchen Table Advisors

405 14th Street, Suite 164
Oakland, CA 94612
www.kitchentableadvisors.org



Mission: Kitchen Table Advisors fuels the economic viability of sustainable small farms and ranches through practical business advising and trusted relationships.

Activities & Programming: Practical and personalized business advising over a three year period with small scale organic farms or pasture-based livestock ranches. Efforts in 2016: We will be on boarding 10-15 farms per year. Terms begin in November. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance.

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Multinational Exchange for Sustainable Agriculture (MESA)

2362 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 654-8858
www.mesaprogram.org



Mission: MESA cultivates a global grassroots network of food and farming leaders to revive community food systems, linking ancestral knowledge with innovation rooted in earth stewardship, equitable economies and multicultural alliances worldwide.

Activities & Programming: MESA is a global grassroots network that connects farmers, researchers and organizers to share heritage and innovation on behalf of resilient community food systems and advancing the next generation of farmers. MESA's network and programs offer: farmer-to-farmer exchange, experiential education, mentorship support, bilingual online curriculum in Applied Agroecology, and a Bay Area Urban Farmer Training Program to primarily serve immigrants and formerly incarcerated individuals. Delivery Format: in-person and online events, printed or online educational materials, references, etc.

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NCAT/ATTRA

36355 Russell Blvd.
PO Box 2218
Davis, CA 95617
(530) 792-7338
Toll free Sustainable Agriculture Hotline
1-800-436-9140 (English) and
1-800-411-3222 (Spanish)
www.ncat.org/california and www.attra.ncat.org



Mission: Helping people by championing small-scale, local, and sustainable solutions to reduce poverty, promote healthy communities, and protect natural resources

Activities & Programming: NCAT/ATTRA provides in-person workshops for farmers, webinars, 1 on 1 technical assistance and training and publications (see website) on a wide variety of topics related to sustainable agriculture production. Efforts in 2016: NCAT/ATTRA is currently working with the Growing Roots Project (<https://growingroots.berkeley.edu/>) and will be teaching workshops on farm business planning, marketing, ecological soil management, ecological pest management, and beneficial habitat management, food safety, urban farming and pastured pork and poultry for beginning farmers. NCAT/ATTRA is also planning the second annual Latino Farmer Conference, to be held in November. <http://www.latinofarmerconference.ncat.org/>

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Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF)

P.O. Box 440
Santa Cruz, CA 95061
(831) 426-6606
www.ofrf.org



Mission: To foster the widespread adoption and improvement of organic farming systems.

Activities & Programming: At OFRF, we build the vital infrastructure that supports the success of organic farmers. Our four areas of focus are: POLICY, where we grow champions in Congress and federal agencies; EDUCATION, where we work to integrate organic farming programs into all agricultural universities; GRANTMAKING that expands the adoption of organic farming and practices while addressing urgent issues faced by many organic farmers in America; and building COMMUNITY to cultivate a broader and deeper connection among organic supporters.

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Organic Seed Alliance (OSA)

PO Box 772
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 385-7192
www.seedalliance.org



Mission: Organic Seed Alliance advances the ethical development and stewardship of the genetic resources of agricultural seed. We believe seed is part of our common cultural heritage – a living, natural resource that demands careful management to meet food needs now and into the future. We accomplish our mission through research, education, and advocacy.

Activities & Programming: We support farmers interested in producing seed commercially, as well as farmers who are interested in finding or developing the best crop varieties for their needs. We do this by:

- Providing in-person, print-based and on-line training in seed production and plant breeding
- Conducting variety trials and plant breeding projects in conjunction with farmers
- Providing appropriate seed production equipment
- Providing networking opportunities for current and prospective seed growers

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Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA)

5060 Commercial Circle, Suite A
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 825-9090 or (800) 949-FARM
www.pcfma.org



Mission: Our mission is to empower California farmers to be enormously successful in Bay Area communities. You'll see us pursuing our mission every time you shop at one of our farmers' markets where local farms gather to sell their delicious products.

Activities & Programming: PCFMA creates economic opportunities through thriving certified farmers' markets. We organize over 65 weekly certified farmers' markets in more than 35 Bay Area communities. We're also happy to help our growers and non-agricultural producers take advantage of other opportunities to sell their product directly to consumers, including larger scale buyers such as restaurants and institutions. In addition, PCFMA helps its sister organization, Fresh Approach, to source from PCFMA farmers' market producers for their farmers' market on wheels, Freshest Cargo, which drives into underserved communities, making local food more accessible.

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Pie Ranch

PO Box 363
Pescadero, CA 94060
(650) 879-0995
www.pieranch.org



Mission: Pie Ranch cultivates a healthy and just food system from seed to table through food education, farmer training, and regional partnerships.

Activities & Programming: Workshops, tours, apprenticeships, internships, developing research on integrated animal crop production system, monthly community gatherings & barn dances, sharing information/knowledge/learnings. Efforts in 2016: Holding a workshop on blacklivesmatter, white people showing up for racial justice and how this connects to dismantling racism in food & farming systems

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PUENTES - Bridging Sustainable Communities

4719 Quail Lakes Dr, Ste. G
Stockton, CA 95207
www.puentesca.org



Mission: PUENTES' mission is to spread the knowledge and the development of sustainable technology and stimulate a critical cooperative and positive attitude in at-risk communities throughout the Americas.

Activities & Programming: PUENTES is a 501 c (3) community service organization that operates the Boggs Tract Community Farm, the PUENTES CSA, the Stockton Fairgrounds Family Gardens and sponsors the Black Urban Farmer Association (BUFA), all in San Joaquin County. PUENTES CSA markets fresh produce and serves special needs families (the Community Divident Program) and operates a food hub that is supplying a growing network of urban food outlets (liquor and convenience stores). Our Nurbaculture (natural urban agriculture) Apprentice Training Program prepares new farmers to become urban agricultural entrepreneurs, and we are developing a partnership with San Joaquin Delta College to integrate the NATP into their academic offerings in horticulture and related fields. Each year more than a thousand community volunteers come out to engage in farmisthenics in support of our free range poultry, beekeeping, food forest, school garden, hyacinth composting, and other sustainable agriculture projects. Efforts in 2016: We hope to increase our food hub operations in more of the food desert areas in our community and will need to partner with more independent producers who meet our high standards (non-chemical), and we are always working on expanding our CSA sales. The third class of our two semester apprentice training program will begin later this fall and will provide an intensive and comprehensive training program to prepare wanta be urban agriculture entrepreneurs. Delivery Format: Business services, production services, marketing services

Regions Served: San Joaquin Valley

Rogue Farm Corps

PO Box 533
Ashland, OR
(541) 951-5105
www.roguefarmcorps.org



Mission: Rogue Farm Corps exists to train the next generation of farmers and ranchers through hands-on educational programs. We support our local agricultural economy and serves as a model for other communities.

Activities & Programming: Our farm training programs offer hands-on experience on a diverse network of commercial family farms in Oregon. We provide real world opportunities for beginners and advanced students of agriculture. Delivery Format: in person events

Regions Served: Oregon (active in the CA farming community as well)

San Benito Working Landscapes Group

P.O. Box 2080
Hollister, CA 95024
(831) 389-4486
www.pinnaclespartnership.org/working-landscapes



Mission: Finding common ground for ranching and conservation

Activities & Programming: In recognition of the vital role that ranchers play in caring for San Benito County's unique and valuable rangelands, the SBWLG connects local and regional land owners and managers to tools, events, and opportunities to support the economic viability of family ranches. The SBWLG also connects willing landowners and conservation partners for on-the-ground range management or wildlife habitat improvement projects, and seeks to document and share local success stories related to ranching and conservation. The SBWLG provides monthly e-mail updates to ranch owners/managers and other partners on available tools, resources, events, and opportunities related to the protection and enhancement of working ranches and farms in San Benito County and adjacent areas. SBWLG partners convene two or three times per year in San Benito County to share individual and organizational updates related to rangeland conservation in our area. Ranchers are invited to contact the SBWLG coordinator any time to request customized information about available resources (including peer-to-peer, rancher-to-rancher connections) to support the family's specific goals for range management, economic viability, or conservation. All information is kept confidential.

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Santa Rosa Junior College, Shone Farm

7450 Steve Olson Ln
Forestville, CA 95436
(707) 535-3707
www.shonefarm.com



Mission: Shone Farm serves primarily as an outdoor laboratory site for agriculture and natural resource classes. A full complement of farm equipment and facilities exist on the farm for use by the students and staff. Students gain hands-on practices on the 365 acres which consist of forest, pasture, sustainable agriculture and vineyard, and also learn how to make important business management decisions through direct sales at various locations. Some of the products include vegetables, olive oil, wine, lamb, beef and eggs. Shone Farm also serves as a community resource by supporting events, short courses and industry meetings each year.

Activities & Programming: Associate's degree and/or certificate in Sustainable Ag, along with stand-alone courses in Ag Business, Ag Mechanics and other horticultural subjects. Shone Farm also offers an Incubator-like program where participants take responsibility for one half-acre and grow in collaboration with our CSA and other markets. Efforts in 2016: Our incubator-like program: Independent Ag Enterprise Program - IAEP is still expanding and being refined. 2016 is our first year with participants. We hope to seek grant funding to help enrich the program with more staff time to support participants and provide training in business planning and record-keeping tools.

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Soil Born Farms, Urban Agriculture and Education Project

PO Box 661175
Sacramento, CA 95866
(916) 363-9685
www.soilborn.org



Mission: Our mission is to create an urban agriculture and education project that empowers youth and adults to discover and participate in a local food system that encourages healthy living, nurtures the environment and grows a sustainable community.

Activities & Programming: Soil Born Farms offers a stipend-based, living on-site 8-month beginner farmer apprenticeship training program. We also have second and third year opportunities. Most of our apprenticeship classes and farm tours are open to the public and regional farmers. Delivery Format: On site training and printed or online educational materials, references, etc.

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Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)

David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Suite 320
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 526-1793
www.sagecenter.org



Mission: SAGE revitalizes agricultural places near cities where farming and local food culture can thrive and be celebrated.

Activities & Programming: SAGE develops and manages Urban Edge AgParks which facilitate land access for beginning and immigrant farmers; provides or facilitates business planning and agronomic technical assistance to beginning farmers; works in multi-stakeholder collaborations at the regional and sub-regional scale to facilitate urban-rural connections and to revitalize agricultural places near cities. Efforts in 2016: SAGE is collaborating on the BFRDP grant led by UC Berkeley, that focuses on increasing the effectiveness of learning hubs for beginning farmers. A pending project will increase production of specialty crops aimed at serving the growing San Jose market. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance, data & analytics about the sector overall, in person events.

Regions Served: Central Coast

Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA) www.sustainableaged.org



Mission: The SAEA exists to serve and connect educators, teachers, students, staff, and administrators who focus on the teaching and learning of sustainable agriculture at the adult level.

Activities & Programming: Provide opportunities (workshops, symposia, conferences, short courses, etc.) to learn about and develop sustainable agriculture education programs. Maintain a bibliography and/or library of sustainable agriculture education curriculum materials. Publish a newsletter to share information about sustainable agricultural education information. Host national conferences to provide forums for professional development, networking, advocacy activities and publishing of proceedings.

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The Farmers Guild www.farmersguild.org



Mission: To establish an integrated network of social and professional hubs across California where farmers connect, collaborate and find the resources they need to thrive within local food webs that stimulate stronger local economies, create social equity and sustain our natural resources.

Activities & Programming: We are a network of local, grassroots hubs where farmers and food system advocates gather to share resources, exchange best practices and organize on behalf of family farms, sustainable agriculture and new farmers in their region. The wider, statewide Farmers Guild organization works to support these local hubs, cross-pollinate between them, compile and share resources to ensure farmer success, and give collective voice to a new generation of agriculture. Efforts in 2016: Continued gatherings of local Farmers Guild chapters, the Entrepreneurial Intensive offered throughout the state, online resources, policy advocacy and more. Delivery Format: In-person events.

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UC Berkeley, Growing Roots Project www.growingroots.berkeley.edu



Mission: To support the economic and ecological viability of California beginning farmers and ranchers from diverse communities – whether urban, rural or peri-urban, or Latino, Southeast Asian, African or Caucasian.

Activities & Programming: Our Growing Roots Project (a partnership with NCAT, SAGE, UCCE and ACRCD) offers in-depth, culturally and regionally

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appropriate workshops, technical assistance and educational materials to beginning farmers and ranchers in urban, peri-urban and rural regions of 10 counties. We aim to strengthen farmer to farmer and agricultural learning hub networking through retreats, field days, and farm tours. Efforts in 2016: We offer workshops, technical assistance and referrals and are developing educational materials (tip sheets, videos, webinars) related to farm business planning and marketing, ecological production, pastured poultry, rangeland management, food safety, cottage foods, and collaborative farming. Delivery Format: Printed and online education materials, references, etc.

Regions Served: Central Coast, Central Valley, North Coast, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley

UC Cooperative Extension – Fresno County

550 E. Shaw Avenue, Suite 210-B
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 241-7515
www.cefresno.ucanr.edu



Mission: We are stewards, problem-solvers, catalysts, collaborators and educators.

Activities & Programming: We conduct research and extension programs to improve production and marketing for small-scale farming operations. Topics include integrated pest management, irrigation, crop nutrition, marketing, and regulatory compliance (food safety, pesticide safety, nitrogen and groundwater management, etc.). Efforts in 2016: We are planning workshops on integrated pest management, food safety, and drip irrigation. Delivery Format: Printed and online educational materials, references, etc, in-person events

Regions Served: Central Valley

UC Cooperative Extension – Los Angeles County

700 W. Main Street
Alhambra, CA 91801
(626) 586-1971
www.celosangeles.ucanr.edu



Mission: The University of California Cooperative Extension in Los Angeles County develops and implements community-based educational programs that address the critical needs of the county's diverse and multiethnic population. Staff and volunteers provide and encourage the use of current research-based information in the areas of nutrition, family and consumer science; youth development; urban gardening; commercial horticulture; agriculture; and natural resources.

Activities & Programming: We connect urban farmers with training, technical resources, and policy information. Efforts in 2016: We are developing a series of urban agriculture workshops that will be offered around the state in 2017-2018. Delivery format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance, printed and online education materials.

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UC Cooperative Extension – Marin County

1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 150B
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 473-4204
www.cemarin.ucanr.edu



Mission: We are stewards, problem-solvers, catalysts, collaborators and educators.

Activities & Programming: We offer education materials and in person workshops to all farming practices, as well as a webpage with fact sheets, and other helpful resources. Efforts in 2016: Food safety, succession planning, dairy calf health, beef industry concepts. Delivery Format: In-person events, workshops, printed or online educational materials, references.

Regions Served: North Coast

UC Cooperative Extension – San Diego County

9335 Hazard Way, Suite 201
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 822-7711
www.cesandiego.ucanr.edu



Mission: We are stewards, problem-solvers, catalysts, collaborators and educators.

Activities & Programming: Our organization provides research based information and technical know how on all areas of agriculture, from production to marketing to consumption. The San Diego specific program supports the agricultural industry by providing research based information on business and risk management education, marketing and market development, new or specialty crop research and education, new grower education, IPM and pesticide safety education and food safety education. Efforts in 2016: New or Specialty Crops Research and Education Program - ongoing program focusing primarily on finding profitable, water efficient crop alternatives for agricultural producers in Southern California. As part of this program we plan to have seminars and field days focusing on Pitahaya or Dragon Fruit and possibly coffee in San Diego, Ventura and Riverside Counties over the next few months. In addition, we plan to offer a specialty crops conference in the Spring of 2017. Business and Risk Management Education Program - In an effort to improve the management skills of farm owners and farm labor supervisors, we will collaborate with Zenith Insurance and the California Farm Labor Contractor Association to organize an annual Farm Labor Management Seminar in San Diego County in December 2016.

Regions Served: Southern California

UC Cooperative Extension – Santa Clara County

1553 Berger Drive, Bldg. 1
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 282-3110
www.cesantaclara.ucanr.edu



Mission: We are stewards, problem-solvers, catalysts, collaborators and educators.

Activities & Programming: The Small Farms Program (SFP) develops, implements, and evaluates education and applied research programs on critical issues

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and problems faced by small-scale, limited resource, family farmers, and specialty crop producers in the county. The SFP also provides production and marketing information to small-scale farmers. Applied research on improved production practices as well as variety tests are aimed at helping small-scale farmers reduce costs, produce safe and wholesome food, and find new varieties that might flourish under local growing conditions.

Regions Served: Central Coast

UC Cooperative Extension – Santa Cruz County

1430 Freedom Boulevard, Suite E
Watsonville, CA 95076-2796
(831) 763-8040
www.cesantacruz.ucanr.edu



Mission: The University of California Cooperative Extension is dedicated to protecting and improving the resources and quality of life in Santa Cruz County by providing research-generated knowledge and techniques related to agriculture, natural resources and youth development.

Activities & Programming: Research and education related to livestock and rangeland management. Topics include livestock health, weed management, pasture management, water quality, etc. Delivery Format: Printed or online educational materials, references, etc.

Regions Served: Central Coast

UC Cooperative Extension – Sonoma County

133 Aviation Blvd Suite 109
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 565-2621
www.cesonoma.ucanr.edu



Mission: In Sonoma County, the UC Cooperative Extension academic staff is at the forefront of change, working to preserve agriculture, helping communities shape wise public policy, and strengthening community development and leadership in our youth and adults.

Activities & Programming: Workshops on specialty crops, regulatory/permitting, other valuable tools for farmers - i.e. irrigation, equipment, marketing, etc. As well as one-on-one if needed. Provide research based information to ag community. Efforts for 2016: Starting a Mentoring program that has opportunity to be regional model. Business services, marketing services, production services. Delivery format: Consulting, advising, 1-1 assistance, print and on-line publications

Regions Served: North Coast

UC Cooperative Extension – Yolo County

70 Cottonwood Street
Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 666-8143
www.ceyolo.ucanr.edu



Mission: Yolo County Cooperative Extension provides a broad range of educational programs that are of benefit to farmers, rural and urban residents, community leaders, homemakers, parents, and youth. Extension programs focus on traditional and changing needs in the areas of agriculture, home

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economics, community and rural development, nutrition, environmental horticulture and 4-H and youth.

Activities & Programming: CE's many teaching tools include meetings, conferences, workshops, demonstrations, field days, video programs, newsletters and manuals.

Regions Served: North Coast

UC Food Observer

www.ucfoodobserver.com

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Mission: UC Food Observer is your daily selection of must-read news on food policy, nutrition, agriculture and more, curated by the University of California as part of its UC Global Food Initiative.

Activities & Programming: We are a UC website/social platform(s) that provides original and curated content/news relating to a broad range of food and agricultural issues. @ucfoodobserver and find us on Facebook. Delivery Format: online educational materials and references

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UC Small Farm Program

2116 Social Science & Humanities, UC Davis
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-7779
www.sfp.ucdavis.edu



Mission: We are guided and motivated by a vision of a thriving, viable California agriculture that has a diversity of small- and moderate-scale farms that remain profitable, enhance the environment, enrich our culture, and improve the quality of life for both producers and consumers. Our mission is to promote such a community by conducting applied research and outreach programs for the successful adoption, management and marketing of potentially profitable crops and enterprises.

Activities & Programming: We develop field and market research aimed at the needs of small- and moderate-scale farmers, and provide that information to farmers who are often not reached by traditional extension programs. In addition to our website, newsletters and research reports, we also offer webinars, workshops, field days, and one-on-one consultations. Our clients include farmers of many different cultures who operate a wide variety of farming operations, often with limited resources. Efforts in 2016: We expect to begin offering workshops regarding the Food Safety Modernization Act during Fall 2016. Delivery Format: In-person events, printed or online educational materials, references, etc.

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UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP)

Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-3915
www.asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep



Mission: SAREP provides leadership and support for scientific research and education in agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities. SAREP serves farmers, farmworkers, ranchers, researchers, educators, regulators, policy makers, industry professionals, consumers, and community organizations across the state.

Activities & Programming: The UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP) is a statewide program within UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and is a unit of the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis. SAREP provides leadership and support for scientific research, outreach, and education in agriculture and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities. SAREP has several program areas under its dual initiatives: Food & Society and Agriculture, Resources & the Environment.

- 1) Our farm to school and farm to institution programs partner with communities to assess the effectiveness of local food programs and recommend steps to improve them.
- 2) Our Values-based Supply Chain programs work to build markets for farmers and inform consumers of the values of sustainability in agriculture. We coordinate technical assistance to support players along the food chain (farmers, buyers and consumers), and facilitate connections between food systems partners. Resources on our website provide information for farmers interested in selling produce to wholesale markets and diversifying markets.
- 3) We work to build and strengthen networks of food systems players through communications and convenings such as the Collaborative Food Hub Learning Network, supporting the business viability of food hubs, and in turn, the farmers who sell to them.
- 4) We conduct county-level Food System Assessments throughout California in partnership with governmental, public health, social service, environmental, and agricultural experts to serve as a foundation for strengthening regional food systems.
- 5) The Solution Center for Nutrient Management is a website w/ resources for growers and agriculture professionals on nutrient management.
- 6) The California Nitrogen Assessment is the first comprehensive account of nitrogen flows, practices, and policies for California, and their impacts on ecosystem services and human wellbeing. The California Nitrogen Assessment is a book available online, with summary materials available online.
- 7) The Cover Crop Database contains detailed entries for over 40 commonly used cover crop species, including: Seed, seedling and mature plant descriptions and pictures, ideal temperature and geographic range, soil, water and nutrient considerations, Management details including planting and termination dates, maintenance issues, mowing, incorporation, harvesting and recommended equipment.
- 8) SAREP's Energy and Climate Foot-printing work assesses the entirety of the food production and supply chain to identify energy and emissions ""hotspots"", evaluates the impacts of new practices and technologies, and assesses trade-offs between interventions at different stages of the supply chain for selected foods.

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USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

430 G St
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 792-5600
www.nrcs.usda.gov



Mission: NRCS provides America's farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to voluntarily put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment, but agricultural operations too.

Activities & Programming: NRCS offers free technical assistance for conservation planning on agricultural lands. Various financial incentive programs are available on a competitive basis. Efforts in 2016: Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is offered on an annual basis. Delivery Format: Consulting, advising, 1-on-1 assistance.

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Wild Willow Farm & Education Center

PO Box 33285
San Diego, CA 92163
www.sandiegoroots.org



Mission: Educating, cultivating and empowering sustainable food communities in San Diego county.

Activities & Programming: Wild Willow Farm is a 6 acre farm located south of San Diego, on the border with Tijuana. Our Farm School program educates students on the basics of building soil, low-till and no till farming practices, and how to grow vegetables in our Farming 101 and 102 courses. Our farm is also a community center, hosting volunteer days, corporate outings, school field trips, and monthly parties and networking events.

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