

## protecting the farms that feed your family



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### ABOUT CALIFORNIA FARMLAND TRUST

One of the most basic commonalities among humans is that we all eat! We must have land to grow food. California is special because it has the most unique farmland combinations on earth – with water, soil, and a climate that make growing over 400 different crops possible. In fact, California is one of only five places on the planet that can grow such abundance. But as our population increases, we are losing California's unique farmland at an alarming rate of 50,000+ acres a year.

### STATISTICS

16,000

*Acres Protected*

65

*Family Farms*

2,000

*Farmland Acres Awaiting Protection*

### MISSION

Our mission is to help farmers protect the best farmland in the world.



### WHY WE DO IT



We can help, we can do something about our vanishing farmland. At California Farmland Trust we work with farmers to ensure their farms will always grow your food! Everyone can help save farmland from being paved over and protect the farms that feed our families.

We are a non-profit serving farmers in the central valley and east bay regions of California – where some of our most productive farmlands are. We work with public agencies, foundations, food purveyors of all types, farmers, friends of farmers, lovers of the land and anyone who cares about healthy lifestyles to conserve farmland, so together we can protect more family farms. This means CA farmers can continue to provide healthy, local food, economic vitality, and the many environmental benefits of having open farmland nearby.



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## WHY / MISSION / VISION

We **exist** to conserve a unique natural resource, farmland, to enable future generations to thrive.

Our **mission** is to help farmers protect the best farmland in the world.

Our **vision** for the future is one where our communities value farming as the best use of fertile farmland, and we all protect the farms that support our economy, environment, and quality of life.

## ABOUT OUR WORK

### Brandstad Farms

The Brandstad Family grows cherries, walnuts, and olives on their farm in San Joaquin County. Their 150-year old farming legacy and a partnership with our land trust forever protected this special farmland in 2014. This land will continue to be taken care of, produce nutritious food, and be maintained as a natural resource for us all, forever.

### Ulm Farm

"I haven't been anyplace that I enjoy more than here." There is nothing but humble honesty in farmer Tom Ulm's voice, nothing but sincerity in his eyes, as he admits his adoration for the family farm that five generations of Ulms have called home. Tom and his wife Irene, who grow almonds and walnuts, are hopeful that more of their neighbors will move to permanently protect their farms.

### Field Trips on the Farm

At CFT we love our Raley's Fields Trips on the Farm program. Although we are surrounded by farmland, most students have no understanding of how their food grows. In partnership with Raley's, and with assistance from California Ag in the Classroom and local farms, CFT is working to close this learning gap. Helping kids understand and appreciate where their food comes from is important for the future of our food supply. Our goal is to educate children about agriculture, to help them gain an appreciation for the precious, limited land resources we have in California.