

Promote

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



FAST FACTS

An estimated 74 percent of private land in California supports wildlife habitat.

Each year private timber owners plant 20-30 million new trees, that's seven new trees for each one that is harvested.

The 500 million trees and vines in California produce enough oxygen to sustain the entire population of Los Angeles.

Methane digesters on California dairies are helping generate about \$1.6 million in electricity and diverting more than 400,000 tons of manure.

California's land, water, air and wildlife all benefit from positive management practices undertaken by farmers and ranchers. Farm Bureau works to promote the environmental benefits of farming and ranching, as our members work to conserve and enhance the natural resources on their land.

Because of their love for the land, many farmers have voluntarily chosen to take actions to assure that habitat and wildlife flourish, resulting in proven environmental benefits.

Farm Bureau is committed to establishing or participating in training and technical improvements to promote further conservation practices that keep working farms and ranches commercially viable.

Farm Bureau encourages

- ▶ Enhancing wildlife habitat on working farms and ranches where it can safely co-exist with the product grown
- ▶ Development and use of efficient and cost-effective forms of renewable energy and fuels
- ▶ Conducting research to develop an environmental trading program that recognizes the positive contributions made by growers to reduce climate change
- ▶ Improving water quality through economically viable management practices that protect the quality of both surface water and groundwater, particularly through locally driven, incentive-based programs
- ▶ Maintaining flood-protection systems in order to protect public safety, wildlife habitat, and the open space that flood control systems create
- ▶ Promoting healthy rangelands and forests through cooperative management of public lands between government agencies and individuals who harvest timber or graze livestock