

# Farmer Climate Leaders: Healthy Soils Program Participants

*The Healthy Soils Program, administered by the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA), provides grants to farmers and ranchers who adopt management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration in soil and plants.*

*Click here for more info available on CDFA's website.*

## TRUE GRASS FARMS

Valley Ford, Sonoma County  
Award Amount: \$49,955



"As a rancher, it's easy to lose hope because there is very little economic security in what we do. The Healthy Soils Program is a beacon of hope that this type of work—work that is regenerative and restorative for the land—is being acknowledged as a priority by the state of California. That kind of validation helps me continue the legacy of my family's ranch."  
- Guido Frosini

Ten years ago, Guido Frosini took up his family's ranching legacy that began in 1867. Fundamentally, he considers himself a grass farmer, managing the land for health, resilience and ecological services. To those ends, his Healthy Soils award will fund the establishment of woody plants that, aside from sequestering carbon, serve as windbreaks and hedgerows, and help to restore the health of a sensitive riparian area. By planting trees in his pastures, he will practice silvopasture techniques—or grazing of woodlands—to provide wildlife habitat while offering shade and alternative food sources to his livestock. He will also use his grant to spread compost on several acres of grazing lands to improve forage quality and draw atmospheric carbon down into the soil. Guido is proud to boost his local agricultural economy in implementing his grant by making substantial purchases at local nurseries and hiring local labor to do the plantings.

The California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a statewide coalition that advances state and federal policy to realize the powerful climate solutions offered by sustainable and organic agriculture.



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