

Farmer & Rancher 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.

More info is available on CDFA's website: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysoils/>

JACKSON FAMILY WINES & SONOMA RCD

Windsor, Sonoma County
Award Amount: \$99,576

"At Jackson Family, we're always looking for ways to be more regenerative in our approaches. The state's support for this initiative could be pivotal for California agriculture by improving both public understanding and offering examples of success to growers. This kind of thinking, that is proactive, rather than reactive, is exactly what we need from our policymakers."

- Julien Gervreau,
Director of Sustainability



Jackson Family Wines, one of Sonoma County's leading winemaking companies, focuses on balancing economic success with ecological sustainability. With their Healthy Soils grant, they will work with the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD) to determine best practices for soil-building and carbon sequestration at La Crema Estate at Saralee's Vineyard. They will compare different combinations of compost

application and reduced tillage practices for their effect on net greenhouse gas emissions and soil carbon storage. Their findings will help them determine best practices for scaling up across their 13,000 acres of California vineyards. Well-positioned to serve as a model in the industry, they will also offer farm tours to share their findings and practical experience with these climate-beneficial practices with other growers from the region. In addition to direct climate benefits, they expect to see enhanced soil fertility and agricultural productivity, soil water holding capacity, and biodiversity.

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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