

Building and Supporting SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS for CALIFORNIA

California is an agricultural powerhouse for the state and nation. Yet we face losing it unless we all understand, value and actively support the land, water and human power that is necessary to deliver healthy and sustainably-grown food to our tables.

California leads the nation in year-round food production.



50% of the fruits, vegetables and nuts grown in the US are from California

9 OF THE 10 top farmland counties in nation are in California

#1 Central Valley is largest area of best soils in world

400 number of commodities grown in California

We have hunger in the land of plenty.

food in-se-cu-ri-ty (*noun*) the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Nearly **4,000,000** Californians are food insecure

26% of kids are food insecure



We waste prodigious amounts of food.

The typical family tosses out about \$1,500 of food yearly.

We dump more than 6 million tons of food per year—15.5% of the waste stream.

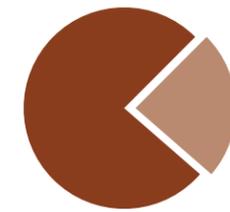


Millions of tons are left in the fields.

Cornerstones for growing food are in jeopardy.



1,000,000 acres projected to be lost by 2050—equal to Sonoma County



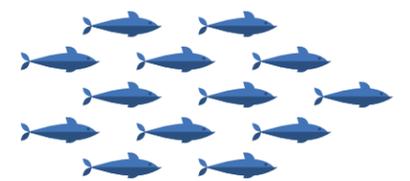
31% of farming and grazing lands lost 1970-2012



One in three bites of food depends upon pollinators who are in precipitous decline.



Drought and other climate change impacts threaten continuing production.

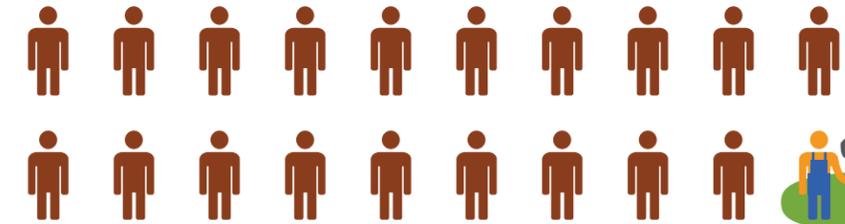


Fisheries are in decline, including the collapse of the Pacific sardine population, a crucial forage fish for marine life along the West Coast.

Many do not know the origins of their food.

95%

of Californians live in metropolitan areas.

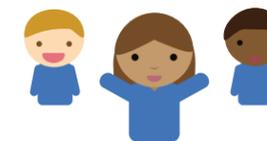


Organizations are working to meet the challenge.

CONSERVING THE LAND



EDUCATING NEXT GENERATION



GROWING HEALTHY FOOD



BUYING CALIFORNIA GROWN



STORING CARBON WITH COMPOST



PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE



SHARING THE HARVEST



SUSTAINING CALIFORNIA

