

Root Down Farm

PESCADERO, CA



CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

Root Down Farm includes a mile of frontage along Cloverdale Road in the scenic Cloverdale Valley. The farm center is directly across from the main access into Butano State Park.

Since POST's acquisition in 1997, it has been leased to small, direct market organic farmers, including Blue House Farm, Dogwood Farm, and currently, Root Down Farm.

The farm includes a strand of riparian habitat on Little Butano Creek, which flows out of Butano State Park along the Farm's southern and western boundary.

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

This farmland is currently leased on a long-term basis to Root Down Farm, which is focused on pastured-based heritage breed animals as well as fruit trees. Dede Boies, who runs Root Down Farm, is a young farmer eager to make a living on the San Mateo Coast through organic and sustainable farming practices. Root Down Farm's mission is "to raise the healthiest animals possible in the most humane and ecologically sound way, and to use our farm to stimulate our local community- both economically and socially."

POST'S IMPACT

By entering into agricultural leases, POST has allowed young, emerging farmers like Dede Boies, and previous tenant to get a strong start in farming. Blue House Farm started their farm here and moved on to a larger operation at POST-protected Pesky Ranch.

Root Down Farm is home to a historic barn that is over 100 years old. POST's investment in rebuilding the barn is an example of providing key infrastructure for agricultural operations and preserves in this community landmark.

HIGHLIGHTS

56

Total farmland acres

PROTECTION

Root Down Farm was purchased as part of the \$6,350,000 Cloverdale Coastal Ranch purchase in 1997.



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