



Grower Spotlight Pante Farms

Located in Durham, CA, Pante Farms operates 35 acres of almonds. Pante Farms offers bee-attracting flowering perennials, berries, ground covers and cover crops, pollinator friendly wildlife plantings, flowering hedgerows, flowering trees that provide nectar and pollen, and “weedy” areas not managed but allowed to flower. Pante Farms provide bloom in spring, summer, fall, and winter through clover cover crop, wild flowers, magnolia trees, and much much more. They supply clean drinking water to bees by utilizing clean irrigation, rainwater collection systems, irrigation canals, and water buckets. Nesting features are available onsite through undisturbed, untilled ground, hedgerows, and naturally landscaped areas. Their efforts are focused on not disturbing the balance of the ecosystem and keeping this in mind when making pest management decisions.

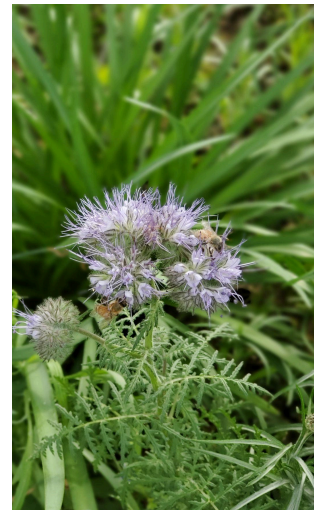


“Joining the Bee Friendly Farming program was a natural choice for our farm since we have been pollinator friendly for many years. The legacy of pollinator friendly habitats was started in 1977 by Marlene Pante whose passion for flowers and gardening created refuge for native pollinators. Her husband Gene Pante farmed the land as natural as possible and passed those philosophies on to the next generation. Life is a balance and on our farm we strive to strike a balance with nature while also using modern or synthetic technologies to assist in orchard management.



Providing forage, habitat, and water for pollinators is one way in which farms can help tip the scales toward nature and bring more balance to agricultural practices. The Bee Friendly Farming program has allowed this information and farming practices to be shared across a broader audience and we are happy to support the program and continue a legacy of pollinator friendly farming started on our land many years ago.”

-Sophia Pante, Pante Farms



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