



California Leopold Conservation Award winner is named

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- **Full Belly Farm gets 2014 award**
- **“They’ve pioneered a truly sustainable approach to growing food”**

Full Belly Farm, near Guinda in Yolo County, a certified organic farm since 1985, has been declared the 2014 winner of the California Leopold Conservation Award. The award honors private landowner achievement in the voluntary stewardship and management of natural resources.

Full Belly Farm is co-owned by Andrew Brait, Paul Muller, Judith Redmond and Dru Rivers plus second-generation owners Jenna Clemens and Amon Muller. It has been a pioneer for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) marketing and produces a variety of crops sold year-round directly to consumers through their CSA program, at farmers markets, in restaurants and stores, and to distributors.

The owners offer an extensive education and outreach program, including on-farm tours, events, children’s summer camp and a farm internship program.

“When it comes to farming in ways that promote the long-term health of California’s land, water, wildlife and food economy, there’s no better example than Full Belly Farm,” says Ashley Boren, executive director of Sustainable Conservation, which along with the Sand County Foundation and the California Farm Bureau Federation announced the winner Monday.

“They’ve pioneered a truly sustainable approach to growing food that prioritizes soil health, natural inputs, water efficiency, and wildlife-friendly practices. They also have a long history of inspiring new generations of California farmers to find innovative ways to balance a healthy environment with thriving agriculture,” says Ms. Boren.

Given in honor of conservationist Aldo Leopold, the Leopold Conservation Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In his influential 1949 book, “A Sand County Almanac,” Mr. Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called “an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity.”

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