



# WILD FARM ALLIANCE PLATFORM

The Wild Farm Alliance is inviting individuals and groups from across the country to join our cause. By signing this platform, you become part of a broad network of farmers, conservationists, and citizens who support an agriculture that accommodates wild Nature.

## Agriculture & the Biodiversity Crisis: Reconnecting our Food Systems and Ecosystems

*The Wild Farm Alliance was established by a national coalition of wildlands proponents and ecological farming advocates who share a concern for the land and its wild and human inhabitants.*

*Our mission is to promote a healthy, viable agriculture that helps protect and restore wild Nature.*

*To make our food systems sustainable in the 21st century, we envision a world in which community-based, ecologically managed farms and ranches are seamlessly integrated into landscapes that accommodate the full range of native species and ecological processes.*

- Recognizing that:
- the current rate of species extinction signifies an unprecedented biodiversity crisis.
  - industrial agriculture is a primary cause of species losses and a devastating threat to sustainable family-scale farms and ranches.
  - protected and interconnected wildlands are essential to assuring biological diversity and sustaining healthy rural landscapes.
- We believe:
- agriculture must be conducted in ways that are compatible with the preservation of native plants and animals.
  - sustainable family farms and ranches nourish healthy human communities and help safeguard natural communities.
  - the current biodiversity crisis calls for a new conservation ethic that promotes ecological recovery within agricultural lands and across the entire landscape.
- We acknowledge:
- healthy ecosystems provide us with many life-giving services, including pollination, insect pest control, nutrient cycling, clean water, and erosion control.
  - the need of farmers to succeed economically while farming ecologically.
  - the right of farmers and indigenous peoples to maintain control over sustainable food production.
  - the right of consumers to know how and where their food is grown, and the responsibility of consumers to support ecologically sound agriculture.
- We support:
- farming practices that accommodate wild habitat and native species, including large carnivores and wild fish.
  - local and regional food and fiber systems that boost rural economies.
  - agricultural practices that strive to eliminate the use of environmentally toxic chemicals and contamination of soil and water resources.
  - locally adapted crops and animals that are not genetically engineered.
  - existing community-based efforts to create a continental wildlands network in which large protected areas are connected by wildlife movement corridors and are complemented by ecologically managed farms and forests.

Please obtain board or other guiding body approval before signing for your organization.

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