

LIMONEIRA EARTH



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LIMONEIRA SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Sustainability is a worldwide concept that is necessary for the longevity of our planet and the people that inhabit it. Sustainable agriculture integrates three main goals: environmental health, economic profitability and social and economic equity.

INTRODUCTION:

Across the globe, agriculture has changed dramatically, especially since the end of World War II. In developed regions, food productivity soared due to new technologies, mechanization, specialization and government policies that favored maximizing production. Additionally, as economic wealth rose, the percentage of income families were spending on food decreased leading to profits for the agribusiness sector. In the U.S., these changes allowed fewer farmers with reduced labor demands to produce the majority of needed food.

Although these changes have many positive results and have reduced risks in farming, there have been significant effects. Prominent among these are topsoil depletion, groundwater contamination, the decline of family-run farms, increased cost of production and less desirable economic and social conditions in rural communities.

Having found success with sustainable practices in the past, Limoneira believes sustainability will help us address tomorrow's challenging issues.

It is the balance of this practice that has allowed Limoneira, a business and community participant, to create a bridge between the family farm and the larger agricultural entity serving our growing food demand. Not only does sustainable agriculture address many environmental and social concerns, but it offers innovative and economically viable opportunities for Limoneira and other growers, laborers, consumers, policy makers and members in the entire global food system.



Referenced: <http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/concept.htm>

HISTORY

Limoneira Company has been growing in Ventura County, CA since 1893. Its founders were pioneers of spirit and vision that helped lay the foundations of a thriving California citrus industry. Their dedication and innovation in the agricultural industry helped found and develop many institutions that exist today.

From Limoneira's inception, the Company has been vertically integrated. This has contributed greatly to its sustainability. Examples include the development of its own nursery to eliminate the need for outside sourcing of trees and the operation, since the 1930s, of Limoneira's packinghouse which reduced the need for outside operators.

Additionally, Limoneira pioneered innovative water techniques and acted as a leader for Ventura County in the use of responsible water management practices. From the preparing of soil for planting to packing fruit for sale, Limoneira has developed and honed skills on site by Company employees.

BIOLOGICAL PEST MANAGEMENT



Limoneira Company was one of the founders of the Integrated Pest Management program in Ventura County. It has been working with Associates Insectary since 1917 to minimize the use of pesticides by releasing beneficial insects into the orchards. This picture illustrates the Aphytis Melinus Wasp, one of many beneficial insects we use.



FARM WORKER HOUSING

Limoneira has been providing farm worker housing for agricultural workers in the Santa Clara Valley since 1898. We currently house 200 families and will increase that number by an additional 75 by 2010. These homes are not limited to Limoneira employees, but rather they are provided to all workers throughout this agricultural valley. Additionally houses are provided at a discounted, affordable rate. The homes are kept in good condition by Limoneira Care & Repair, and many of our own workers and their families have been living in these houses for half a century. Employees often share stories of getting married and raising children, amongst other important life events, right here on the ranch or in the homes they still inhabit.

WATER

At Limoneira, smart water management results in healthy trees, enhanced resistance to pests, improved weed control, uniform maturation of the crop and is a responsible use of a natural resource. A well-designed and maintained water management system prevents off-site water movement and non-point source pollution of surface and ground water.

SOME EXAMPLES OF LIMONEIRA'S WATER PRACTICES

1. Limoneira Company **uses available water in the most efficient and uniform manner possible.** We use precise irrigation along with organic mulch. This combination allows us to pump at a level that delivers the proper amount of water to the trees, conserving water by not over or unnecessarily watering nor allowing water to evaporate before it reaches the tree roots.
2. In conjunction with Fruit Growers Laboratory, Inc. a full service agronomic and environmental laboratory (www.fglinc.com), Limoneira **monitors water quality to enhance tree health and avoid ground water contamination.** The Limoneira Company has approved procedures to protect our well head from chemical runoff contamination.
3. To prevent **off-site movement of water** in the form of rain, irrigation water and sediments, Limoneira has devices in place to divert water away from roads, neighboring farmland or natural waterways.
4. **To maximize our use of irrigation water and conserve water resources,** we take into account the effective rooting depth of our soils and the depth of our tree roots and plant accordingly.
5. **To apply required fertilizers in the most efficient manner and eliminate non-point source pollution of groundwater,** Limoneira Company has an annual program of fall leaf analysis. This analysis is used as a guide, and tree vigor and fruit quality is considered when making fertilizer application decisions.

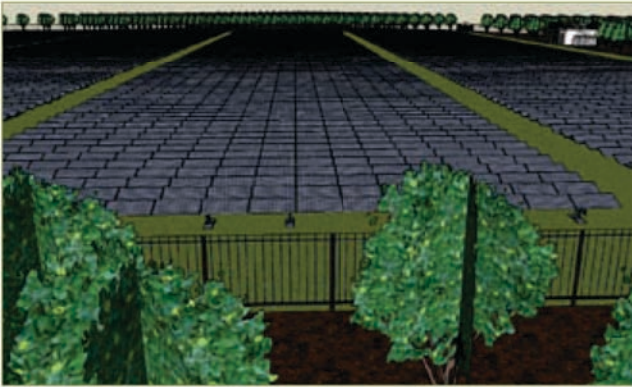
Rubio is constantly checking our irrigation lines, making sure there are no leaks.



ENERGY

SOLAR ORCHARD

In a continual effort to decrease the company's impact on the planet and further our practice towards sustainability, **Limoneira has contracted with Perpetual Power and invested \$8 million dollars in a one Megawatt 5.5 acre solar orchard.** With this system, energy from the sun is absorbed and converted by solar panels. The resulting AC energy product is delivered at the Limoneira main switchgear for use on site. Producing 1 megawatt of electricity, Limoneira will run its fruit packing and storage facilities on clean and sustainable solar energy.



Modern agriculture is heavily dependent on non-renewable energy sources, especially indirect and direct uses of petroleum. The continued use of these energy sources cannot be sustained indefinitely, yet to abruptly abandon our reliance on them would be economically catastrophic. However, a sudden cutoff in energy supply would be equally disruptive. In sustainable agricultural systems, there is

reduced reliance on nonrenewable energy sources and a substitution of renewable sources or labor to the extent that is economically feasible.

The solar generator is designed, specified, constructed, and installed using LEED principles and practices. Common practice is to spray the ground under the array with weed killers and lay gravel. At Limoneira, however, we will plant native vegetation under the ground as a cover crop and put a green roof atop the power center. The cover crop will keep dust down, ensuring the most efficient use of the solar generator and the green roof will serve as an educational observation deck to learn the benefits of using solar power and native vegetation. Furthermore, we will have miniature sheep on site as a natural source to keep the weeds under the array down. Their wool can be used by the local spinner's guild for wool, truly completing the sustainable cycle.



Our two main sources of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions come from our packinghouse and from the vehicles we have on the ranch. **In order to reduce our carbon footprint from our packinghouse,** we use less energy during peak hours of demand from



California Edison Electric. In the summer months, we run our operations an hour earlier to maximize our off-peak operation and minimize on-peak energy uses. Additionally, we have installed energy efficient lighting along with light sensors to use energy efficiently in our south storage packing house. In all of our packing houses, we have energy efficient refrigerator doors, known as "fast doors", which function to lower the energy we use in order to keep our fruit at storage temperature.

Tomas Gonzales, Packing House Manager, participates in the Southern California Edison (SCE) Demand Bidding Program.

SOIL

Soil erosion continues to be a serious threat to the company's continued ability to produce adequate food. Numerous practices have been developed to keep soil in place, which include reducing or eliminating tillage, managing irrigation to reduce runoff, and keeping the soil covered with plants or mulch.

Agromin

Agromin Corporation is a manufacturer of premium soil products and the **green waste** recycler for 15 cities in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. **Limoneira partnered with Agromin to create this innovative organics recycling program.** Limoneira and Agromin developed a 5-acre facility on Limoneira's land to receive **green waste** from throughout Ventura County and convert it to mulch that is spread in orchards to curb erosion, improve water efficiency, reduce weeds and moderate soil temperatures. Along with many other companies and individual consumers, Limoneira uses this mulch on our farming lands. It is manufactured from a mixture of recycled yard trimmings and virgin materials, helping to save valuable space in landfills, reduce greenhouse gases and complete the **green waste recycling** loop.

Additionally, Agromin actively partners with cities, counties and commercial growers to transform green waste into safe and cost-effective compost and mulches for use in agricultural production and community projects. This organic matter is properly composted (correct temperature and time) to reduce chances for the introduction of pathogens and weed seeds.



Before



After using Agromin

Gus Gunderson, Limoneira's Head of Southern Farming Operations, (right) plants corn every year along the edge of one of our Avocado orchards that opens up to the county road. The orchard edge bank there is steep, and Gus plants the corn to prevent erosion. What does he do with all the corn? He gives it away to all the employees to bring home for dinner.



SITE SELECTION, SPECIES, AND VARIETY

Preventive strategies, adopted early, can reduce inputs and help establish a sustainable production system. When possible, pest-resistant crops should be selected which are tolerant of existing soil or site conditions. When site selection is an option, factors such as soil type and depth, previous crop history and location (e.g. climate, topography) should be taken into account before planting.

SOME EXAMPLES OF LIMONEIRA'S SITE SELECTION PRACTICES:

1. To accomplish Limoneira's goal in **managing the canopy structure to promote tree health, fruit quality, worker safety and reduce natural enemy activity**, we prune for optimal fruit size, quantity and quality.
2. In order to **establish or redevelop an orchard in a manner that takes into account the water, land and the surrounding environment**, Limoneira considers water source availability and location of main lines to maximize efficiency when developing its orchard sites.
3. To **select a rootstock and scion combination that maximizes tree vigor and fruit quality yet reduces the need for chemicals to control pests and diseases**, the trees Limoneira has planted propagate with registered budwood.
4. Limoneira **efficiently uses frost control techniques in order to minimize the risk of frost damage to citrus fruit**. This wind tower creates an air corridor, keeping the cold air up and the warm air down in order to prevent frost.



Paco Franco, one of our avocado foremen who has been with Limoneira Company for over 40 years, brought the idea of propping to our orchards. Where fit to use, Paco employs large branches pruned from trees to support lower branches of his avocado trees. This is a way to recycle green waste in order to prevent further green waste rather than unnecessarily pruning the bottom of the avocado trees. In some cases, Paco can reduce disease, improve sprinkler distribution, defend against natural enemies and increase tree yield with this sustainable propping practice.

DIVERSITY

At Limoneira, we pride ourselves on maintaining diversity. The company maintains diversity with respect to locations of our operations, crops at those locations and business endeavors. This diversity creates great economic resiliency and sound sustainable practices.

Limoneira has an extremely well diversified operation on various levels. Geographically, The Company operates out of three different locations in the southwest United States. Our northern-most operation is based in Porterville, CA in the San Joaquin Valley, the Limoneira headquarters is in Santa Paula, CA, and our southern-most location is in the California/Arizona desert. These three locations provide the company advantages with respect to geographical and climatic differences. If one location suffers from a frost, wind damage, disease, or is negatively affected for any reason, there are two other divisions to sustain company operations.

Additionally, **diversification exists at each location of Limoneira operations.** In Porterville, the Company grows meyer lemons, cherries, pistachios, grapefruit, cara caras, pluots, navels, blood oranges, minneolas, satsumas, valencias, and pummelos. In Santa Paula, our employees grows lemons, meyer lemons, avocados, grapefruit, and satsumas. At the company's southern-most site, Limoneira works with contract growers who supply us with lemons at times when stocks from our other districts are low. We profit from supplying the packing needs to these growers. In this manner we are able to withstand fluctuations in supply and demand within the fruit market. Additionally, if any one crop at any one site has a bad year, the company is able to withstand that dip in production with our other fruits. For example, in 2007, our Santa Paula avocado crop was reduced dramatically by a frost in January. However, when our fiscal year closed in November, we had one of our best years due to the outstanding success of Limoneira's lemons.



LIMONEIRA AGRITOURISM

Ryan Nasalroad is pictured above standing by the company's bocce ball courts. Limoneira provides agricultural tours to promote the area and to provide revenue to our community. Tourists come to Limoneira for dinners in our orchards, tours of the land, special events such as weddings and hot air ballooning. This allows Limoneira to support the surrounding community and educate individuals on the importance of land preservation, responsible agriculture and sustainable practices in general.

When the company's solar orchard is operable, visitors will also be able to see how we use sustainable farming practices, see a real solar generator at work, observe the use of native vegetation and stand on a building constructed to LEED certifications. This will help educate the public on the feasibility of sustainable practices.



LIMONEIRA TODAY

Today, Limoneira is continuing to bridge the past and the future with sustainability.

SANTA PAULA EAST AREA 1

Population growth continues to be an important issue in California. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projects a 30.81 percent increase in population for Ventura County and a need for 10,527 additional households in Santa Paula alone [Southern California Association of Governments, 2001]. In light of population growth projections for both Ventura



County and the City of Santa Paula, Limoneira has just received approval from the citizens of Santa Paula, to design, fund and develop an extension to the city of Santa Paula that will serve to greatly enhance the community. Working with progressive and talented designers, architects, consultants, and students in the Master's program at the Donald Bren School of Sustainability, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), Limoneira will develop this 508 acre piece of land sustainably, concentrating on waste management, water management, energy, building materials, landscape management, and transportation. Among many benefits to the community will be a number of new parks and athletic fields, schools, a new civic center, an outdoor amphitheater, public safety facilities and a range of housing styles including senior housing and assisted living components.

SOLAR ORCHARD

Limoneira is in the process of constructing a 5.5 acre solar development that will provide 1 megawatt of renewable energy for the Company's fruit packing and storing practices. This PV generation of 42 million kilowatt-hours over a 25-year period saves the use of 32,000 tons of CO₂ emissions, the equivalent to offsetting the CO₂ impact of approximately 128 four-person single-family homes per year. The generator will be developed according to the LEED (Leadership in Environment, Energy, and Design), certifications and it will be complete for full beneficial use in the fall of 2008.

AGROMIN

Through a partnership with Agromin, Limoneira now recycles green waste from the entire county of Ventura and turns it into organic mulch to be spread throughout its orchards, others companies' orchards in the area and independent homes and business seeking to improve their landscape. This natural organic use of green waste reduces the amount of waste going to landfills while at the same time improving the soil quality and plant yield.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE?

Limoneira Company works closely with the UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture and Education Program and we are proud of this association. Sustainability, according to this group, rests on the principle that we must meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Therefore, stewardship of both natural and human resources is of prime importance and Limoneira Company strives to provide a leadership role in these areas. Stewardship of human resources includes consideration of social responsibilities such as the working and living conditions of laborers, the needs of all communities both directly and indirectly affected by Limoneira and consumer health and safety standards. Stewardship of land and natural resources involves maintaining or enhancing vital resources for the long term.

Limoneira uses a systems perspective to understanding sustainability, and this is envisioned in its broadest sense. From the individual farm to the local and global ecosystem and the local and global communities affected by our farming system, all practices are viewed from a sustainable sensibility. An emphasis on this system allows a larger and more thorough view of the consequences of farming practices on both human communities and the environment, thus giving Limoneira the tools to explore the interconnections between farming and other aspects of our environment while still working to create a profitable company.

Making the transition to sustainable agriculture is a process. Sustainability has been a mindset at Limoneira that was instilled by the Company's founding fathers over 115 years ago. Sustainability is the basis of the corporate culture at Limoneira. It is important to realize that each small decision makes a difference and contributes to advancing the entire system further on the "sustainable agriculture continuum." The key to moving forward is the determination to take the next step.

It is important to note that sustainable agriculture is a complex concept spreading across all levels of agribusiness. From accounting, to marketing, to farming there are many factors that contribute to sustainable agriculture. **As we discover more about our environment and our effect on it, and as technology advances and political and societal changes take place, sustainable agriculture will continually evolve, and Limoneira will always be at the forefront.**

The working definition for sustainability practices are that they need to be 1) environmentally sound, 2) economically profitable and 3) socially and economically equitable. This definition is a moving target. What might work in Santa Paula might not work in Fresno or Omaha. How are different goals weighed? Is it more important to have an environmentally sound practice that isn't economically viable or doesn't pay a worker a living wage? A lot of times, "sustainable" is just used in the sense of something being environmentally and economically profitable"
- Ben Faber, UC Davis.

EFFICIENT USE OF INPUTS

Sustainability does not mean switching to new systems and starting over. It is more sustainably sensitive to use the existing resources you already have intelligently in order to create a smaller footprint. It is also important to develop older practices with today's knowledge. Limoneira schedules working hours to run off-peak so the Company's energy demand is lower. Additionally, Limoneira plants more trees per acre to get more output from the same inputs.

Many inputs and practices used by conventional farmers are used in sustainable agriculture. Sustainable farmers however, maximize reliance on natural, renewable, and on-farm inputs. Equally important are the environmental, social, and economic impacts of a particular strategy. Converting to sustainable practices does not mean simple input substitution. Frequently, sustainability efforts substitute enhanced management and scientific knowledge for conventional inputs, especially chemical inputs that harm the environment on farms and in rural communities. The goal is to develop efficient, biological systems which do not need high levels of material inputs

Sustainable approaches are those that are the least toxic and least energy intensive and yet maintain productivity and profitability. Preventive strategies and other alternatives should be employed before using chemical inputs from any source.

At Limoneira, we use our inputs extremely efficiently and are always looking for ways to improve efficiency. For example, any green waste that is created through our agricultural practice (old trees, pruned limbs, dry leaves, etc) is turned into organic mulch through our partnership with Agromin and is spread back out through our orchards. Not only does Agromin organic mulch limit waste, it increases tree and soil health as well as increases yield per tree. (For more information please refer to the soil page)

The Company also manages labor schedules so that employees can work non-peak energy hours. This means we can produce the same amount of work per day and spend less money and demand less energy from the grid.

One of our goals at Limoneira is sustainability through efficient land utilization. We are replanting our older blocks of agriculture with more trees per acre, the same amount that our new orchards have. This will allow Limoneira to grow more trees with fewer inputs thus minimizing our use of natural resources and need of acquiring more land. Limoneira Company has vast planted orchards. Trees sequester carbon which helps to reduce Limoneira's carbon foot print.

Grande is one of Limoneira's Ranch Foremen. He does a lot of in-house welding for us, reducing the amount of money we must spend on outside help. He also reuses many materials already existing on the ranch.



HARVEST

The harvest is the culmination of an entire year of work in the orchard and the condition of fruit upon arrival at the packing line is a critical part of this process.

Limoneira harvests in a manner that is safe for the employee and limits fruit damage and disease. We also coordinate scheduling and information from our harvesting crews and packinghouse to limit fruit waste and spread of disease to susceptible countries.

In order **to harvest fruit in a manner that is safe for the worker and that produces higher quality, pest and disease-free citrus**, Limoneira uses bins that are sanitized (free of sand and debris) and in good condition (no rough, abrasive surfaces) before being used in the field. All of our picking crews are trained in proper harvesting procedures to avoid cuts and bruises to the fruit. Limoneira requires pickers to wear gloves and workers are provided with ladders, clippers, sanitation, and shaded break periods. Harvesting crews do not pick up fruit which has fallen on the ground, and the Company has an oil release protocol (penetrometer) to ensure that all fruit is ready for harvest. Foremen observe harvesting procedures and workers inspect fruit in bins for defects to monitor fruit quality. Additionally, workers inspect fruit for the quality of clipping (free of stem outs and long stems) and we make sure all of the bins of picked fruit are free of trash (branches, leaves, bottles) and damaged fruit (splits). Consolidation areas are provided if fruit is harvested in a timely fashion to protect it from the sun on hot days. All harvesting equipment (clippers, ladders, bags, and trailers) is cleaned between orchards.



PACKINGHOUSE

The Limoneira Packinghouse is provided the highest quality citrus. Limoneira's fruit quality meets maximum harvesting standards. Prior to harvest, the Company provides the packinghouse with an accurate projection of crop size and quality. Limoneira also coordinates harvest times with the packinghouse (monitoring of wet field conditions, optimal market times, pruning, spraying, fruit variety and irrigation conditions). Additionally, the Company tracks each load of fruit from each block for control purposes. We are familiar with the different steps involved in packing the fruit (washing, pressure, grading, waxing, and sizing) and everybody in the packinghouse handles the fruit in the correct manner.

The Limoneira Packinghouse is a historical site.

FOOD SAFETY

Producing food with a very low risk of contamination is an essential part of producing citrus. LIMONEIRA COMPANY HAS ACQUIRED A FOOD SAFETY RATING OF 99.6% BY MAINTAINING SANITARY STANDARDS AND FOCUSING ON QUALITY.

SANITARY STANDARD

The Company ensures that **NO** conditions which could contaminate fruit with pathogens of human health significance exist. We also provide training and oversight to our workers on the topic of sanitation. Limoneira provides its orchard workers with toilets and hand washing stations. Not only do we ensure that toilet waste water is properly disposed of, but we test orchard irrigation water to ensure that it is free of bacterial contaminants. Additionally, the Company practices proper disposal of trash to minimize vertebrate pests and possible contamination of fruit. Limoneira ensures that manure is free of pathogens of human health significance by using proper composting techniques, and we apply manure in a manner which minimizes contact with fruit. Finally, the water in spray tanks is drawn from the highest possible quality sources.

HEALTHY, QUALITY FRUIT

To ensure that Limoneira fruit meets proper quality controls, the Company's packinghouse randomly tests a percentage of the fruit that is proven to be an accurate representation of the entire harvest. The multiple tests certify that the fruit is high quality and that it does not contain any harmful residues from the surrounding environment. Furthermore, we have an internal trace-back-system which matches potential problems with specific orchards, allowing fast and responsible corrective measures if necessary. Limoneira adheres to all food safety regulations. We follow Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) as established in the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR 110.) Limoneira's packing house undergoes and passes annual audits of GMPs and food safety/security programs by PrimusLabs, an independent third party auditor. These practices contribute to The Company's food safety rating which is the highest in the industry and reassures the public that they are consuming a healthy, quality product.



Limoneira employees and our packinghouse team in particular are responsible for maintaining Limoneira's quality control standards. They've been working hard at this for decades, and each year Limoneira's quality control rating has gone up. We thank them for their efforts.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

At Limoneira we believe that management decisions should reflect not only environmental and broad social considerations, but also individual goals and lifestyle choices. For example, adoption of technologies or practices that promise profitability may also require such intensive management that one's lifestyle actually deteriorates. Management decisions that promote sustainability, nourish the environment, the community and the individual. Techniques in citrus production constantly change and being able to adapt production practices to these changes allows the grower to stay competitive and maximize their "bottom line".

GROWER

Limoneira remains abreast of the latest industry developments by reading journals, listening to peers and participating in meetings. We regularly attend UC Cooperative Extension, Citrus Research Board (CRB), California Association of Pest Control Advisors (CAPCA), and other industry meetings to keep abreast of the latest citrus issues. Our offices are filled with farming, trade and industry journals (Subtropical Newsletter, farm advisor newsletters, CRB annual report). We maintain current membership in citrus grower and nursery associations and attend meetings to keep informed about local issues. In many cases Limoneira played a role in founding these associations. We own and use a copy of Citrus Pest Management (UC DANR Publication 3339) and use the web version of the Citrus Pest Management Guidelines. We monitor which exotic pests and diseases may enter our region and damage our crops. Members of our team often attend field events at University of California Research and Extension Centers or in grower orchards. We use internet web sites that address citrus production issues, and we are familiar with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), Worker Protection Standard (WPS), SB 198 and Cal-EPA laws and regulations.

EMPLOYEE

Limoneira is concerned with the health, safety and continuing education of its employees. Limoneira offers citizenship training to help workers become U.S. residents as many of our employees are from foreign countries. The company is adding other educational programs as well, including English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer skills. Additionally, our employees are trained to be pest and disease scouts to help with the monitoring process. Limoneira employees are encouraged to be team members that contribute to a good working environment and share the responsibilities of producing quality citrus fruit. **That is why many Limoneira employees have been working at the company for 30 or more years.**



Limoneira educates and requires our employees to recycle all that we can from our farm operation (i.e. steel, oil, paper, and plastic, etc.), and we provide training for our employees in their native language. Mario Ortega, Lemon Harvest Manager, is pictured to the left showing high quality fruit from one of our ranches.

Limoneira offers competitive pay with the highest medical and health benefits as well as a 401 (k) plan and retirement in the industry. The company has also been awarded the Family Friendly Award from 2003-2007 (5 years).

COMMUNITY

Limoneira sustainability efforts extend to provide support for the community in which we operate.

The company provides farm worker housing for agricultural workers in the entire valley, supports and contributes to youth programs and donates funds to educational and non-profit programs throughout California. The Company also creates sustainable relationships with our surrounding communities and universities. Additionally, Limoneira employees donate considerable time and energy to community non-profit organizations.

YOUTH

As a company with a great deal of history and legacy, Limoneira believes in the importance of education. Limoneira Company supports educational programs such as the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H programs. The Limoneira employee scholarship fund raises money to provide academic scholarships for youth in the community.

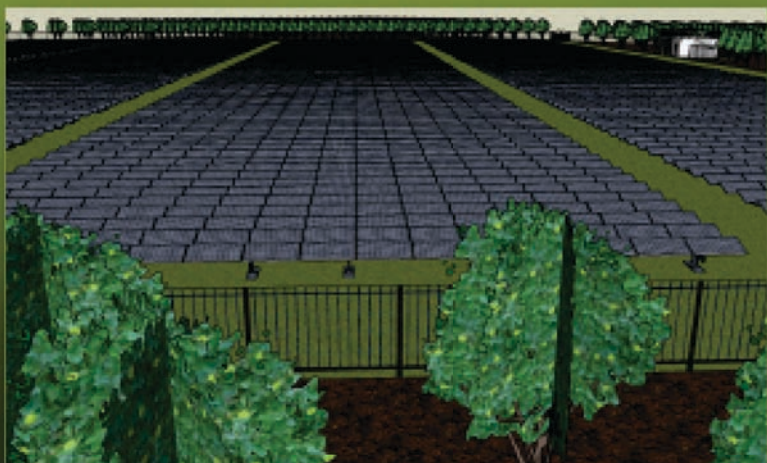
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Limoneira considers philanthropy an essential part of a sustainable business practice. For example in 2007, the Company hosted a fundraising event called "Moonlight at the Ranch". The event was entertaining and highly successful and raised considerable funds for the police and fire departments of the city of Santa Paula. Each year Limoneira donates generously to many community causes.



LIMONEIRA PARTNERS WITH THE UC AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Limoneira has always worked closely with the UC Agricultural Cooperative Extension, particularly UC Riverside and UC Davis and benefits greatly from their research on agricultural practices. IN 2008, THE LIMONEIRA COMPANY PARTNERED WITH THE UCSB DONALD BREN SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT TO HELP THE COMPANY FURTHER OUR SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES. This partnership allows Limoneira to attend cutting edge seminars on sustainability, network with other companies involved with sustainability and use the knowledge and hard work of the school's master students to help on specific sustainable projects such as assessing our carbon footprint. In turn, we are financially supporting the Bren school and providing their students with the opportunity to get hands-on experience on the developing work of sustainable business.



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