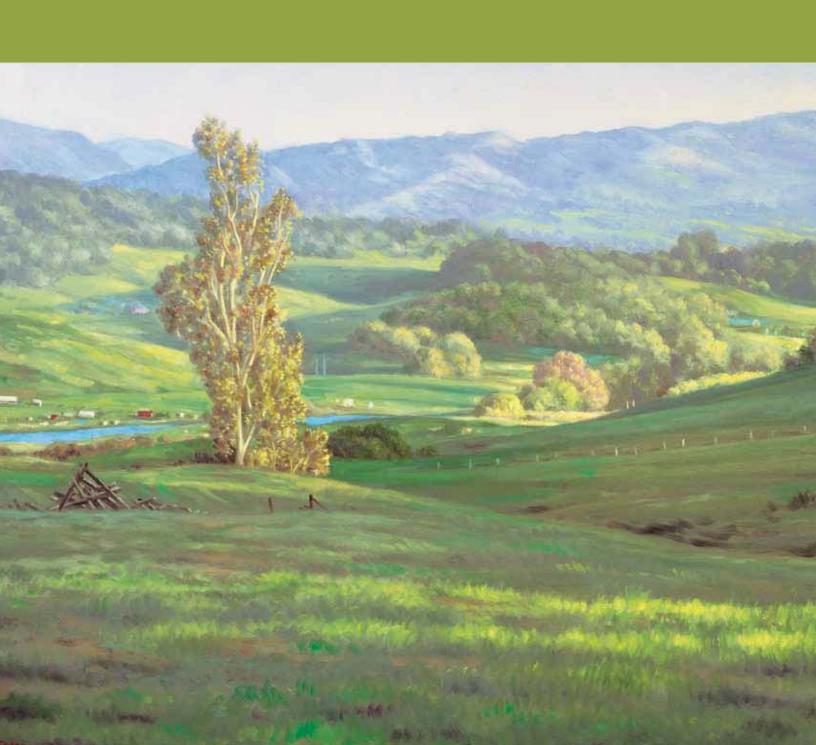


YEAR IN REVIEW 2009-2010

PRESERVING MARIN COUNTY FARMLAND



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,



Executive Director Robert Berner and Board Chair Lynn Giacomini Stray

Each farm or ranch protected by a MALT easement brings us closer to becoming a whole community that values a strong local economy, clean air and water, a sense of place, and access to fresh, healthy food.



Bob Berner greets donor Sue Missimer at the 2010 Directors' Barbeque

Thirty years ago, Ellen Straus and Phyllis Faber had a vision for the future of family farms in Marin County. To realize that vision, they created Marin Agricultural Land Trust, the first agricultural land trust in the United States.

As MALT nears the end of its 30th anniversary year, we can be proud of what our founders envisioned and what we and our landowner and funding partners have accomplished: permanent protection of over 40% of Marin's working farm and ranch land. Given the county's proximity to a metropolis of seven million people, it's not difficult to imagine what West Marin might look like today were it not for MALT.

This year was a very successful one, and we would like to thank everyone who supported us in our mission of preserving Marin County farmland. Our achievements this past year included:

FARMLAND PROTECTION: During this fiscal year MALT permanently protected a Grade A Holstein Dairy that has been in operation since 1933, a goat dairy that was launched in 2007, and a small-scale sheep ranch located next to the beautiful Estero Americano. These diverse projects demonstrate our commitment to the many different forms of agriculture in Marin County, and our ability to work flexibly with private and public funders. Of the cost of \$3,205,000 required to complete the three projects, 61% was provided by grants from public agencies—the rest came from our generous individual supporters.

FUNDRAISING: In the face of a bleak fundraising landscape, where private donations to nonprofit organizations dropped nationwide by 3.2%, we exceeded our fundraising goals in all areas. Contributed income exceeded our goal by 15%, a testament to the generosity of our members and their confidence in our work. This surplus will help kick start our new fiscal year and strengthen MALT's ability to pursue its agricultural land protection mission.

STEWARDSHIP: As the amount of land protected by MALT conservation easements grows, our stewardship responsibility grows along with it. Our Stewardship team, in partnership with the landowners, conducted site evaluations on four potential properties, as well as site visits to all of our easement properties to ensure that the land is used and managed in a way that is consistent with the terms of the conservation easement. Stewardship staff are also actively involved in several conservation planning projects, including the development of a Stewardship Assistance Program to provide landowners with cost-share funding to enhance natural resources on MALT-protected properties. MALT is

also leading a multi-agency effort to combat a distaff thistle infestation that threatens the productivity and biodiversity of thousands of acres of Marin rangeland.

LAND TRUST ALLIANCE ACCREDITATION:

After two years of challenging and time consuming work, MALT earned accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. MALT joins 104 other land trusts from across the country, including 11 from California, that have been awarded accreditation since the fall of 2008. We have always believed in setting high standards for our agricultural land preservation program and stewardship practices. Accreditation means we conduct our work in an effective and ethical way, that we have the organizational and financial resources to promise that we can care for our agricultural easement properties in perpetuity, and that donors can be certain their contributions will be invested carefully to protect working farm and ranch land in Marin County forever.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION: Our public programs and activities continue to connect thousands of individuals directly to MALT, the land, and the importance of agriculture's economic, environmental and historic value to Marin County. More than 1,700 students from 35 different schools took part in our Farm Field Studies Program, and over 1,000 adults and families went on our Hikes & Tours. Ranches & Rolling Hills, our annual landscape art show and sale, brought hundreds of art lovers to the tiny Druids Hall in Nicasio, and raised over \$70,000 this year for the acquisition of conservation easements. None of these activities would be possible without our dedicated volunteers or the family farmers who host farm tours, school groups, and Ranches & Rolling Hills artists.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thanks to a grant from the Taproot Foundation and the pro bono efforts of a team of volunteer professionals in branding and graphic design, MALT has received a brand new logo and refreshed visual identity. Incorporating the grassland of West Marin, our new logo defines the character of this special part of Marin County, and speaks to MALT's ongoing mission to preserve it, forever.

MALT's success this year goes far beyond dollars raised, acres saved, or individuals served. Each farm or ranch protected by a MALT easement provides benefits that go further than these measurements, and bring us closer to becoming a whole community that values a strong local economy, clean air and water, a sense of place, and access to fresh, healthy food.

Thank you to everyone who helped us make this year so successful. Onward to the next 30 years!

Robert Berner
Executive Director

Lynn Giacomini Stray Chair, Board of Directors









2009-2010 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS







64. SPALETTA DAIRY

Members of the Spaletta family have owned the 772-acre Cypress Lane Ranch since 1933. Charlie Spaletta and his son Tony run a Grade A Holstein dairy cow operation there, producing fluid milk for the Bay Area.

In the fall of 2009, MALT acquired an agricultural conservation easement with financial assistance from the Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program and the United

States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The remaining third of the funds was raised from MALT members and supporters, for a total payment of \$2,495,000, the independently appraised value of the easement.



65. TOLUMA FARMS

Owners David Jablons and Tamara Hicks of San Francisco bought Toluma Farms in Tomales in 2003 with a dream of rehabilitating the former cow dairy as a goat milk operation. After making extensive improvements to existing agricultural facilities and restoring creeks and waterways on the property, they launched a small, modern dairy in 2007. MALT paid \$290,000 for the 160-acre easement, all of it raised from MALT supporters.

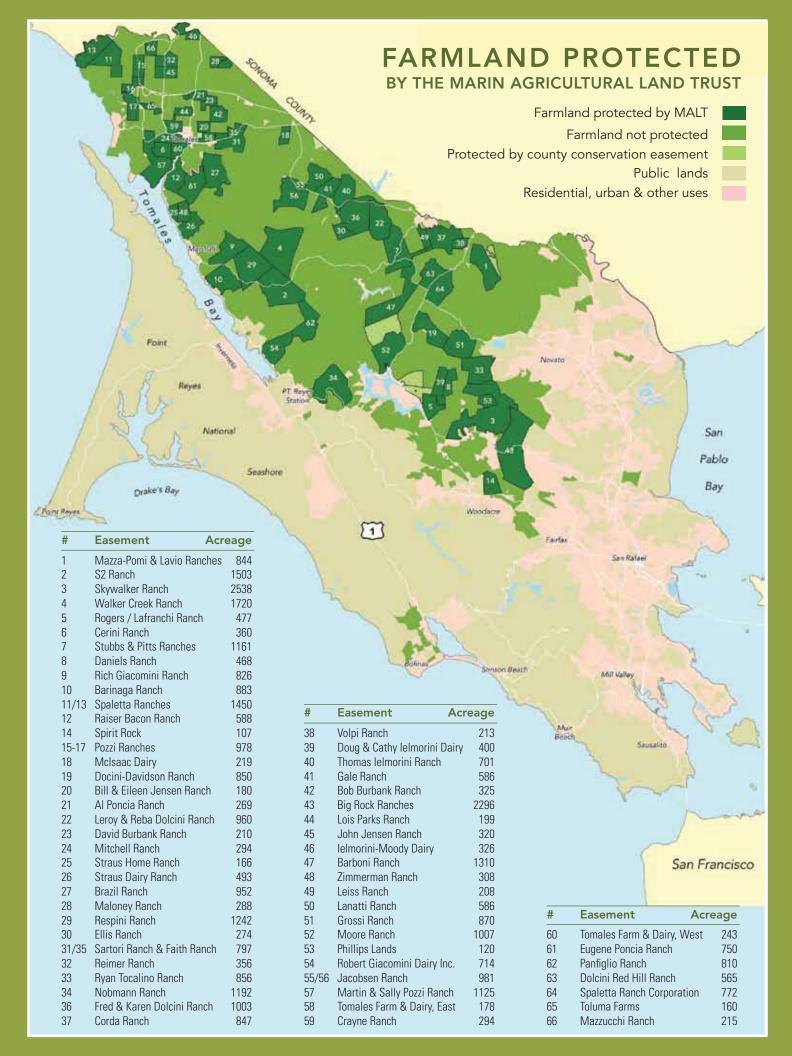
The sale of an agricultural conservation easement to MALT will enable the couple to continue ongoing improvements. Currently, the Grade A milk produced on the farm is sold to Redwood Hill Creamery, while Toluma Farms cheesemakers have begun experimenting with crafting small quantities of their own handmade artisan cheese. A portion of the farm is leased to a neighboring beef rancher, and about 25 acres are leased for dry-farmed potatoes.



66. MAZZUCCHI RANCH

On June 30th 2010, the very last day of our fiscal year, MALT purchased a conservation easement on the 215-acre Mazzucchi Ranch in Valley Ford. Located along the shore of the Estero Americano, the property has been run by the Mazzucchi family as a small-scale sheep ranch for almost 50 years.

MALT paid \$424,000 for the easement, with all of the funds raised from MALT supporters. The sale of an easement to MALT will enable Stan Mazzucchi and his family to continue to run 300 sheep on the ranch, and to make improvements to expand the operation and maintain the high quality of the ranch.



CYNTHIA SAWTELL, VOLUNTEER



Cynthia Sawtell and friend at the Bivalve Dairy

Cour Marin farmland is a treasure, and I feel so proud to be part of an organization that is working to preserve it for future generations.

Cynthia Sawtell moved home to the Bay

Area in mid-2006 after a 30-year IT career with American Airlines, which had taken her first to Tampa, FL and then to Arlington, TX.

"I was retired and thrilled to be able to live in the place of my dreams and the home of my heart," says Cynthia. "When I started thinking about volunteer work as a way to establish roots in a new community, my best friend told me what a great organization MALT was."

Prior to Cynthia's career at AA, she had spent a few years "trying on" being a homestead farmer. She kept dairy goats and chickens, along with a small organic garden, in San Mateo County. When her career took off, she put that idea on the shelf. As a parent, she had great experiences working with school children, and through frequent trips to France she developed a passion for cooking with fresh, local ingredients.

"Volunteering for MALT gave me the opportunity to weave together all of my interests and passions," says Cynthia. "When (MALT Education Director) Constance Washburn gave me the opportunity to help develop the Farm Field Studies program, I knew I'd found my place!"

Thanks to volunteers like Cynthia, MALT 's Farm Field Studies Program was able to hold 64 farm field trips during the 2009-2010 school year, and bring more than 1,700 children from 35 Bay Area schools out to Marin farms and ranches for hands-on learning about agriculture, nutrition, and local food.

"For me, it's important to spend time making a difference in other people's lives. I find that volunteering for MALT, especially in Farm Field Studies, lets me know that my time and energy are being invested in the future, not just in preserving the beautiful ranches and rolling hills of Marin, but in cultivating the future supporters of food from our local farms.

"When a child exclaims: 'From now on, we're going to ALWAYS make our own butter at home', I know I've helped that child realize the connection between the food she eats and the farms it comes from. When she's had a terrific experience of discovery on a farm, she will grow up to shop at the farmer's market... and become a MALT supporter in her own right!"







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GAIL SENECA, BOARD MEMBER AND DONOR

''I've come a long way from 'What lovely views!' to an understanding that those 'views' contain grit, history and love. ??

"Living in Inverness in the mid-90s

I heard about an organization that protected land from development, and had a notion that MALT was good for my views." This would prompt Gail Seneca to join MALT and, after meeting its co-founder Ellen Straus during the course of a major fundraising campaign, she would come to realize that her "views"—which included a sweeping hilly landscape that she later learned was the Giacomini Ranch—were more than just picturesque scenery, but working agricultural land with a rich history that in many cases stretched back for generations. "It was a wonderful introduction to MALT in the form of an amazing person." That meeting with Ellen started Gail on the path to being a major donor and valued Board member.

Participating in MALT hikes and tours further exposed "this kid from New York City" to Marin's working ranches. She remembers her first tour of the Erickson's sheep farm and her dawning understanding that West Marin's gorgeous landscapes actually provided food and sustained families of owners and workers. Now meeting farmers and ranchers through MALT, she further appreciates their endless challenges, from volatile weather and commodity prices to global competition. "Their ability to persevere and innovate, all for their love of the land, is humbling."

When asked what brought her to MALT's Board, Gail said that one of her guiding tenets in philanthropy is that relatively small amounts of money can make a big difference when people closest to the issues become leaders, and bureaucracies get out of the way.

Gail brings an impressive business background to MALT's Board, where she serves as Treasurer and heads the Finance and Investment Committee. She helps ensure that the funds that donors entrust to MALT are invested well and budgeted appropriately.

Looking ahead, Gail views rising land prices and the lack of governmental support in this time of fiscal crisis as the greatest challenges to the future of farming in Marin. "Because MALT has earned the confidence of agriculturists, government agencies and the broader community, it is ideally positioned to take on these challenges," Gail says. She hopes that MALT will be able to continue to fund conservation easements and to partner with ranchers and farmers on land stewardship, education and product diversification programs.

"I've come a long way from 'What lovely views!' to an understanding that those 'views' contain grit, history and love. I am thrilled to be engaged in this important work."



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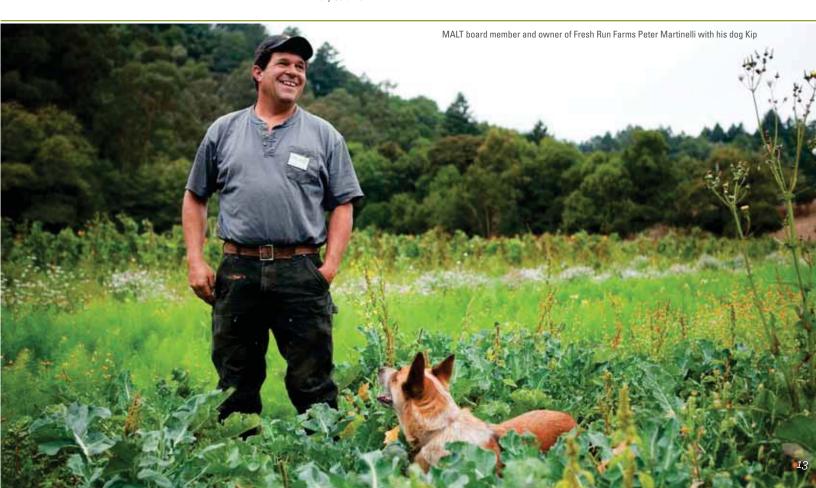
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ASSETS	
Current assets—cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,750,137
Current assets—other	384,097
Property, land and equipment, net of depreciation	1,099,794
Irrevocable planned gifts at present value	318,630
Unrestricted investments held for long term	1,396,962
Restricted endowment investments	4,418,353
Investments and pledges restricted for conservation project	ts 111,684
Other assets	221,824
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,701,481

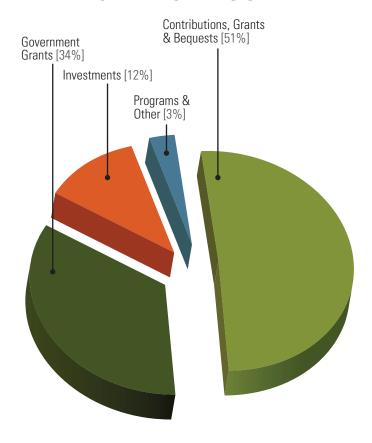
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	108,514
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	108,514
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted *	\$	6,524,300
Temporarily restricted		650,314
Permanently restricted		4,418,353
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1	1,592,967
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Summary of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

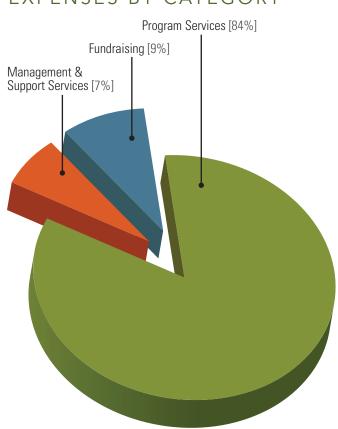
REVENUE and ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS		
Memberships, contributions, grants and bequests	\$ 2,524,253	
Government grants	1,663,332	
Investment income and gains	579,258	
Program revenue and other	160,948	
TOTAL REVENUE AND ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	\$ 4,927,791	

EXPENSES		
Purchase of conservation easements	3,543,310	
Other program expenses	1,061,369	\$ 4,604,679
Fund raising		521,264
Management and support services		365,981
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 5,491,924
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
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