

# Marin Agricultural Land Trust

YEAR IN REVIEW 2002-2003



Preserving Marin County Farmlands

## Dear Members and Friends

The past year was bittersweet for Marin Agricultural Land Trust. Last November we lost Ellen Straus, and in July Ellen's husband Bill passed away. It is impossible to overstate the importance of Ellen and Bill to mal t, in every phase of its life. From the initial vision that a private organization could play a meaningful role in the preservation of agriculture in Marin County, to the extraordinary success mal t has achieved over its first 23 years, Ellen's tireless efforts, her unflagging optimism, and her ability to project enthusiasm and commitment to others were essential constants in mal t's growth. To perpetuate Ellen's vision, we have renamed the fund through which we do all of our conservation easement projects the Ellen Straus Farmland Preservation Fund. We will miss Ellen and Bill deeply, but their vision will continue to inspire us for years to come.

On the sweet side, every conservation easement project is a milestone, and this year we completed two, bringing the total of farmland permanently protected for agriculture to more than 32,000 acres. The acquisition of an easement on the 307-acre Zimmerman Ranch in Marshall overlooking Tomales Bay made possible the transfer of the property to the next generation. mal t also purchased an easement on the 208-acre Leiss Ranch close to Petaluma and the Marin-Sonoma County line, permanently protecting it from subdivision and non-agricultural development. Both reflect our continuing progress in protecting Marin's agricultural landscape, and the enduring commitment of these families to their land and farming heritage.


While agriculture here, as elsewhere, faces challenges from rising land values and the globalization of production and markets, a truly exciting trend is the diversification taking place on local farms and ranches. From organic row crops to grass-fed beef to value-added products like farmstead cheese, mal t has encouraged this trend by co-sponsoring with UC Cooperative Extension and Marin Organic a series of well-attended workshops for producers interested in learning about farming and marketing options.

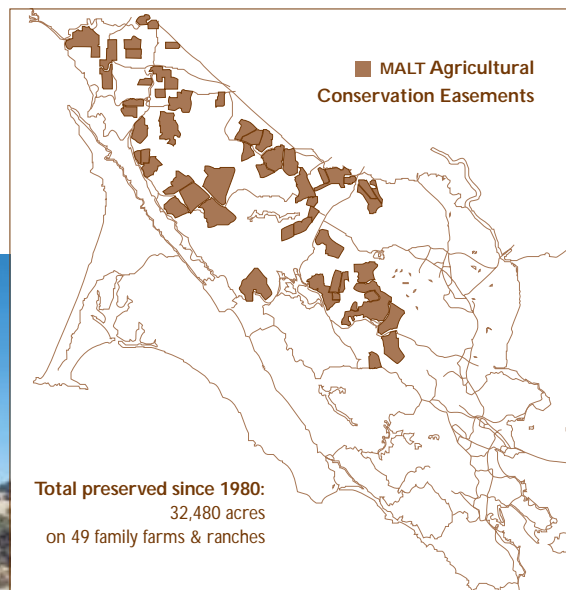
Mal t has long understood the importance of public support not only to agricultural land conservation, but also to the future of agriculture itself. Seven years ago we created education and communications departments. We initiated a small offering of hikes, tours, and special events to let the public sample products of Marin's farms and ranches and to get to know the owners and producers. This year we completed a strategic plan for education which acknowledged its importance to the future of agriculture in Marin and set goals to increase our capacity for connecting land and people. We also prepared our first marketing plan to highlight in a broader geographic area mal t's support of the tradition and the future of Marin agriculture. This effort continues in a series of credits about mal t airing on KQED-FM and completely underwritten by a generous donor.

We now have before us more opportunities to preserve land than at any time in our history, and the greatest challenge we have ever faced to obtain the funding necessary to complete these projects. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our members and donors, whose support sustains and encourages us. We are confident that with your continued partnership, we will be able to preserve the agricultural land that is such an important part of the heart and soul of this place that is so dear to all of us.

Thank you.

  
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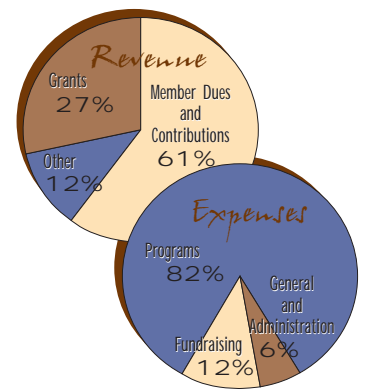


# Statement of Activity & Changes in Net Assets

July 1, 2002–June 30, 2003

	Operating Fund	Ellen Straus Fund	Board-Designated Endowment	June 30, 2003 Total	June 30, 2002 Total
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE:</b>					
Grants	\$39,568	\$677,000		\$716,568	\$1,390,698
Contributions, dues & bequests	718,100	860,769	\$41,402	1,630,271	1,184,676
In-kind contributions (Note 2)					33,156
Hikes & Tours	24,748			24,748	14,239
Merchandise sales	6,853			6,853	5,574
Special events	3,188	9,455		12,643	20,088
Interest & dividends	1,524	148,048	25,108	174,680	198,755
Gain /loss on investments		112,850	7,585	180,435	<195,548>
Other					11,697
Interfund transfers	77,800		<77,800>	0	
<b>Total revenue &amp; support</b>	<b>871,781</b>	<b>1,808,122</b>	<b>&lt;3,705&gt;</b>	<b>2,676,198</b>	<b>2,663,335</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Programs	506,956	1,659,902		2,166,858	3,414,089
General & administration	155,158			155,158	102,800
Fundraising	184,188	134,428	2,550	321,166	330,558
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>846,302</b>	<b>1,794,330</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,643,182</b>	<b>3,847,447</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,479</b>	<b>13,792</b>	<b>&lt;6,255&gt;</b>	<b>33,016</b>	<b>&lt;1,184,112&gt;</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, JULY 1, 2002</b>	<b>155,921</b>	<b>5,127,071</b>	<b>1,416,247</b>	<b>6,699,239</b>	<b>7,883,351</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, JUNE 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$181,400</b>	<b>\$5,140,863</b>	<b>\$1,409,992</b>	<b>\$6,732,255</b>	<b>\$6,699,239</b>

The Operating Fund provides the money to carry out malt's day-to-day efforts in conservation easement acquisition, stewardship monitoring, and raising public awareness about the importance of preserving Marin County's productive farmlands. Most of the revenue for the Operating Fund comes from member dues and contributions. Contributions from foundations, public agencies, and individuals to the Ellen Straus Farmland Preservation Fund are used for malt's conservation easement purchase program.



**Photos**, left to right, top row: McIsaac Ranch, Novato; MALT Day at Whole Foods, Mill Valley; Ranches & Rolling Hills 2003, Nicasio, Art Rogers/Pt. Reyes; Hiking the Stewart Ranch, Olema; Walker Creek, Tomales. Left to right, bottom row: The Zimmerman Family, Marshall, Dexter Roberts; League of Women Voters President Margaret Jones presents Bunny Lucheta Award to Bob Berner, pictured with daughters Catherine, Nessia and Julia; Gladys Leiss, Chileno Valley; Black Mountain, Point Reyes Station; Bay Area Back Roads host Doug McConnell and MALT Education Director Constance Washburn filming on the Barboni Ranch, Hicks Valley. All photos by Elisabeth Ptak, except as indicated



## *Easement Acquisition and Stewardship*

Mal t was the first agricultural land trust in the United States. By offering landowners a conservation alternative to the sale or development of their farm property, mal t has permanently protected more than 32,000 acres that might otherwise have been sold or subdivided. This year we purchased conservation easements on the Leiss Ranch in Chileno Valley and the Zimmerman Ranch in Marshall, and we are pushing ahead on several easement projects we hope to complete by the end of 2003.

Our ability to continue this successful program hinges on our having funds available to meet the cost of an easement as determined by an independent appraisal. Until 1998, mal t had a steady source of easement funding available through Proposition 70, passed by California voters in 1988. By 1998, those dollars were mostly depleted, and we turned to a capital funding strategy that raised \$10 million. Currently, the goal of the easement program is to leverage, to the greatest extent possible, private and public money.

This year, for the first time in mal t's history an easement was funded entirely through grants from the California Coastal Conservancy and the California Department of Conservation's California Farmland Conservancy Program. We secured almost \$700,000 from these two agencies. Approximately \$2.3 million dollars more in public agency grants for projects to be completed in fiscal year 2003-2004 have already been approved.

But challenges to the landscape and to agricultural productivity continue to present themselves long after conservation easement acquisitions are completed. Noxious weeds and soil erosion, for example, can profoundly impact the land's ability to support agriculture as well as native plants and wildlife.

To meet these ongoing challenges, mal t must maintain a vigorous stewardship program. A primary objective is to fulfill the legal responsibilities mal t accepts as easement holder. Visiting protected ranches annually and archiving reports and photographs have become significant efforts as we've grown. Equally important is our commitment to maintaining excellent relationships with those who own and continue to manage the ranches. Toward this end, mal t's annual Landowner Dinner was initiated three years ago to show appreciation for those who have protected their property under mal t easements. The dinner is highly regarded by the agricultural community and was completely underwritten this year by a generous mal t member through The Community Fund of the Marin Community Foundation.

Mal t continues to support sound management on easement-protected ranches by consulting regularly with landowners, sponsoring seminars and workshops, and providing a vital stream of information on management issues. Through the Stewardship Assistance Program, a grant program initiated two years ago with funds raised in the capital campaign, mal t allocated \$24,890 in the past fiscal year to protect over a mile of creek and riparian areas and several springs that are important water sources for both livestock and wildlife. Four additional grants totaling \$53,000 have been approved for 2003-04.

Through our easement acquisition and stewardship programs, West Marin landowners and mal t supporters cooperate to safeguard a bountiful harvest and a healthy landscape.

*"Recall that whatever lofty things you might accomplish today, you w*



## Education and Outreach

Malt's Education Department has been building relationships between the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors of our community for the past seven years because we believe that to preserve farmland in active agriculture, we must also preserve people's connections to the land. This year, along with ranchers, growers, and producers, we welcomed more than 3,000 people to 35 hikes, ranch tours, and talks.

By nurturing people's relationship to the land, we can help keep the land healthy and productive for generations to come. This means teaching communities about the social, environmental, and scenic values enhanced by our family farms. It means educating consumers about the importance of buying local products so farmers can stay in business. And it means connecting our children with the wonders of agriculture so they grow up to be adults who will support Marin farms.

Malt volunteers have played a critical role in making these links. They contribute generously in many ways and also have made their own personal connections with the land, the farmers and ranchers, and with each other. These associations help them become a powerful community of advocates for family farms.

Under a new strategic plan for education developed this year, we hope to give more adults and children the opportunity to visit farms and learn about local agriculture. We also hope to partner with a wider variety of organizations and community groups to get our message out to other sectors of the Bay Area community.

Nurturing the next generation of land stewards is the shared goal of two collaborative projects in which malt participates. While the goals of the Marin Agricultural and Education Alliance (maea) and the Marin Food Systems Project (mfsp) overlap, their activities differ.

In June, maea hosted the 5th annual Marin Summer Agricultural Institute for teachers and has now connected more than 130 teachers with farms and the curricular materials needed to teach students about their connections to food and farming. New this year was the Marin Farm Field Studies Program which allowed some 300 students to experience farms and be awed by the size of Holstein cows or eat fresh green beans straight from the field.

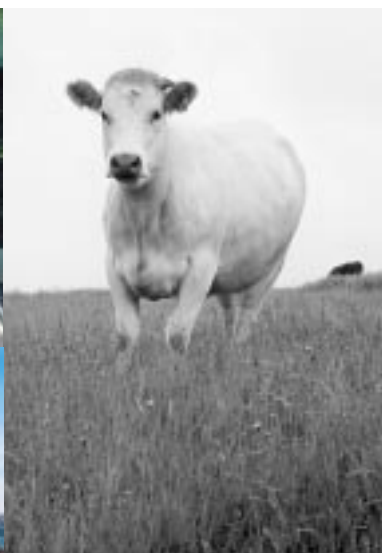
The mfsp is working with schools to pass and implement policies that integrate curricular connections to local agriculture, environmental education, garden-based ecological lessons, nutrition, and healthy school food. In the last year, two more school food policies were passed and schools moved closer countywide to involving parents, teachers, food service directors, and school nurses in an ongoing dialogue to connect schools to local farms and fresh food.

In the year ahead, as we work to protect farmland for future generations through the purchase of conservation easements, malt also will continue to act as an incubator for innovative and effective programs that encourage agricultural literacy, raise awareness of local farming, and encourage healthy relationships between people and the land.

**Partners in Education** Marin Conservation Corps; Nicasio Fire Department; Nicasio, Olema, Point Reyes, and San Rafael 4H Club; Marin County Farm Bureau; Marin Wine Growers Association; Nicasio School; Environmental Education Council of Marin; Marin Food Systems Project; Marin Master Gardeners; Marin County Office of Education; Marin Organic; The Bay Institute; Slide Ranch; Walker Creek Ranch; University of California Cooperative Extension

*will do them only because you first ate something that grew out of dirt."*

— Barbara Kingsolver



**Photos**, left to right, top row: Pelicans, Marshall; Holsteins, West Marin; A Taste of Marin 2003; Organic growers at Taste of Marin; Beef cow, Tomales; Leiss Ranch, Chileno Valley, Susan Kester. Left to right, bottom row: Old ranch building, Chileno Valley; McIsaac Ranch, Novato, Jim McIsaac; Herring boats, Marshall; License plates, Point Reyes Station.  
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# Contributions through September 30, 2003

Since its founding in 1980, mal t has led the way in farmland preservation in the United States. mal t's success has been the result of inspiration on the part of its founders and dedication on the part of those who have followed in their footsteps. In addition, supportive individual donors and enlightened public funders have enabled mal t to meet the increasing financial challenges of high land costs. We gratefully acknowledge here the Guardians, Stewards, Benefactors, Patrons, Sponsors, Businesses, and Corporate donors who have made contributions to mal t during the 2002-2003 fiscal year. In addition we extend our appreciation to each of our other supporters, whose names are too numerous to list. Our thanks also go to those who let us know they have remembered mal t in their estate plans as Partners for Preservation and to the Marin Community Foundation for a core program operating grant.

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On the cover: Sunshine Trio by Randall Sexton, one of the participating artists in Ranches & Rolling Hills, a show and sale of landscape art to benefit MALT and the preservation of Marin County farmlands. The seventh annual art show will take place on May 15 & 16, 2004, at the Druid's Hall in Nicasio.

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