



Local ranches sell cuts of lamb, beef, pork, goat, and chicken direct to consumers. Visit link in article for list of sources. Photo by Alicia Arcidiacono

SBALT REPORT

Support local farms and businesses that depend on agriculture

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We are disappointed that we had to cancel our donor appreciation event in March – a guided bird walk at SBALT's Rancho Larios Open Space. We hope that you and your families find other ways to enjoy San Benito County's open spaces this spring, while maintaining physical distance. We look forward to rescheduling group events when it is safe to do so. For updates, subscribe to our mailing list at www.sanbenito-landtrust.org.

In the meantime, we want to share ways that you can support the farmers and ranchers who produce food and preserve the agricultural landscapes that we all enjoy. Farmer's markets and farm stands are essential businesses under the closure orders, and most are still operating. There has never been a better time to do your shopping outdoors

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Above: Oya Organics CSA boxes with safe handling instructions due to Coronavirus. At left: SBALT's Donor Appreciation Guided Bird Walk was postponed due to Coronavirus OR San Benito's agricultural lands support wildlife and scenic views. Photo by Alicia Arcidiacono



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and buy direct from family farms.

Another way to support local agriculture is to subscribe to a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). CSA options include variations on a weekly delivery or pick-up of seasonal produce. Some CSA's include add-ons like eggs, meat, nuts, salsa, or honey. Two Hollister-based CSA's are Eat with the Seasons (eatwiththeseasons.com) and Oya Organics

(oyaorganics.com).

For a list of local direct-to-consumer farm options, as well as restaurants offering pick-up or delivery in San Benito County and King City, go to the Links & Resources page at www.sanbenitolandtrust.org and click on Food Resources. Many thanks to Paicines Ranch and local chambers of commerce for creating these timely resources to connect the community to fresh, nutritious food, while supporting our agricultural economy. ■