

# MISSION STATEMENT

*SAREP is a statewide program providing leadership and support for scientific research and education that promotes agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, sustain natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's diverse communities.*

The **UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP)** was created through the grass roots efforts of organizations and individuals concerned about the environmental impacts of agriculture, the health of rural communities, and the profitability of family farming operations in California. As a result of a legislative process and with UC leadership, the program was established with three mandates: administer competitive grants for research on sustainable agricultural practices and systems, develop and distribute information through publications and on-farm demonstrations, and support long-term research in sustainable farming systems on UC farmlands.

## **BASED ON OUR OVERALL MISSION AND THE FOUNDING LEGISLATION, SAREP HAS THREE GOALS:**

- California farmers and ranchers are more able to manage their land and businesses in ways that are economically viable and that protect and enhance both human and natural resources and biodiversity.
- Consumers have a closer connection to agriculture and California's rural and urban communities are strengthened through participation in sustainable food systems.
- Government programs and policies encourage and support the development of sustainable farms, ranches and communities in California.

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