



Nancy Vail, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Pie Ranch, farmer stakeholder

Nancy is a broadly experienced farmer, educator, and advocate for a just and regenerative food system. Previous to co-founding Pie Ranch in 2003, Nancy taught in schools K-12, worked on a number of farms abroad and throughout the United States, eventually landing at UC Santa Cruz's Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS) where she farmed and taught for over a decade. Nancy is passionate about the interconnectedness of justice, history, land, food and farming; co-leads the organization in a vision of healing our relationships with ourselves, each other and the Earth; oversees key partnerships with the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and Land Trust and Be Present Inc; works on building a culture of care with our diverse Board and Staff; and assists with our educational programs and farm production. Nancy also works with various groups on undoing oppressive structures while building authentic, long-lasting relationships that honor our differences and interconnectedness. Nancy lives at Pie Ranch with Jered, their children Rosa and Lucas, dog Rocky, and enjoys playing fiddle at the monthly barn dance with the band, The County Line Pickers.