

# COASTAL ROOTS FARM



## FY26 QUARTER 2 IMPACT REPORT

### IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Total since inception, 2014-2026 Q2

**679,151 lbs**  
produce grown

*Regenerative Agriculture*  
Growing organic nutrient-dense food by prioritizing soil, while mitigating climate change.

**6.72 million lbs**  
waste diverted from landfill

**418,940**  
individuals fed

*Equitable Food Access*  
Reaching the most marginalized food-insecure members of our society.

*Environmental Education*  
Inspiring climate activism and a love of nature through barrier-free programs.

**61,522**  
youth in education programs

**73%**  
total harvests donated

*Jewish Life*  
Engaging diverse community members in rich land-based traditions and values.

**135,162**  
total individuals in programs

### “LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND EAT”

In the season of Passover, and amidst changes to CalFresh (SNAP/Food Stamps) benefits, the Haggadah’s call, “Let all who are hungry come and eat,” guides our work. This spring and summer, we will grow 60,000 pounds of produce to nourish more than 15,000 neighbors.

In Q2, Aaron, a veteran apprentice, came to the Farm to grow new roots. After training Marine Corps recruits in marksmanship, he now cultivates food and community as part of Veterans for Peace.

Much of what Aaron plants will reach neighbors facing food insecurity. At a time when public support is shifting, Coastal Roots Farm is not only meeting immediate need, but modeling a more just, resilient food system rooted in dignity, access, and shared responsibility.

**“I am honored to take part in work that nurtures life. What I love most about Coastal Roots Farm is that we donate the majority of our harvest to San Diegans facing food insecurity.”**

**- Aaron, Farmer Apprentice**





## FARMING AND FEEDING

### QUARTER 2 IMPACT (JANUARY-MARCH 2026)



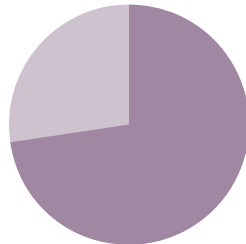
**17,781 lbs**

of organic food grown using [regenerative techniques](#) that restore soil health, sequester carbon, and conserve water.



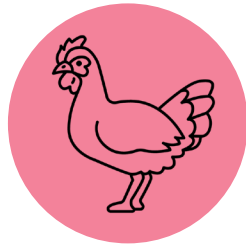
**11,126 people**

including low-income seniors and families, Holocaust survivors, Latinx families, and Indigenous/Native families.



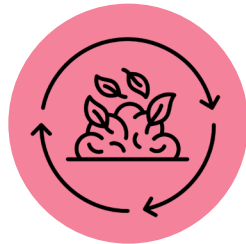
**70% donated**

through our pay-what-you-can Farm Stand and during no-cost off-site distributions in partnership with other social service and food system orgs.



**1,926 eggs**

produced by one flock of chickens that aerate and fertilize the soil and support with pest management.



**56,000 lbs**

of waste diverted from the landfill and turned into rich, biodiverse soil.



## LEARNING AND GATHERING

### QUARTER 2 IMPACT (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025)



**5,696 youth**

reached through Pre-K - 12th grade programs including [Nature Play](#), [Farm Camp](#), [After School on the Farm](#), [Field Trips](#) & [Birthday Parties](#).



**634 volunteers**

and interns dedicated 1,054 hours.



**729 people**

attended Jewish holiday programs, workshops, and [community events](#) on the Farm.

#### School Break Camps:

#### New Programming for CITs

Spring and Passover Camps sold out in Quarter 2, and we welcomed 58 campers to the Farm over two weeks. As we prepare for [Summer Farm Camp](#), we're developing new activities for our [Counselors-in-Training \(CITs\)](#) campers. Focused on STEAM learning, CITs will experiment with strawberry DNA extraction provided by Illumina, discover microorganisms in soil samples, and test the growth of plants in varying conditions. The CIT program allows older campers to connect deeply with the Farm and support younger campers, combining curriculum from the classroom with in-the-field fun!



#### Plant a Seed, Grow a Gardener

In Quarter 2, the [Pay-What-You-Can Farm Stand's](#) top seller was plant starts, with 231 tomatoes, lettuce, onions, cilantro, and strawflower seedlings going home with community members. Many shoppers were picking up what they needed to start or expand their spring gardens, building skills and confidence in growing their own food. Sharing what we harvest helps deepen connections to the land, to our food, and to our community.



#### A Year of Jewish Holiday Celebrations

We welcomed the community to celebrate Passover on the Farm with A Taste of Passover, a new holiday event. 27 attendees harvested Seder plate ingredients including horseradish and parsley directly from our fields, deepening their connection to seasonal growing and the holiday's themes. We gathered together, broke unleavened bread and shared the stories and traditions of Passover.

In addition to our longstanding festivals uplifting Sukkot and Tu B'Shvat, the Farm is proud to welcome its diverse community for every major Jewish holiday. Many have shared that the Farm is their only (or favorite!) space for Jewish ritual.



#### New Feathered Friends

In Quarter 2, we welcomed 120 new chickens to our flock and eggs were delivered to Cantabria, Santa Ysabel, and other offsite distribution partners. With two thriving resident flocks, eggs will return to the Farm Stand this summer. The Farm's chickens not only provide eggs for our neighbors but help clear and fertilize our fields for healthy crop production.



## IN COMMUNITY

### Extending Our Reach: Advancing Outdoor Education

Members of our education team presented at two conferences in Q2, sharing the Farm's outdoor, climate-focused education approach.

At the **National Growing School Gardens Summit**, Farm Educators Megan and Keelin led a cooking demo that educators nationwide can replicate, using food and garden education to foster empathy and understanding around food insecurity as a systemic issue. At the **Environmental Literacy Summit**, Outdoor Educator Lunna presented on connecting students to the natural world and expanding where and how learning can happen.

Through these opportunities, Coastal Roots Farm continues to extend its impact beyond the Farm, **servicing as an industry thought leader and equipping educators with meaningful, place-based tools to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.**



### Six Months of Coffee Cart

The [Coffee Cart](#) reached its six-month milestone in Quarter 2! We now offer baked goods to complement our beverage menu made by Brigette's Bakery, a program of the Friendship Circle—a nonprofit that provides programming to special needs adults. Our Farm Store also stocks locally made goods like cutting boards made by trees from our property and other local areas. Open Thursday, Friday, Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



### Corporate Partner Highlight: SDG&E

SDG&E joined the Farm for a morning of volunteering in our Food Forest. Their team helped thin newly sprouting carrots and weed in our native plant garden, Makom Esther. Our [Corporate Partners](#) generate both mission impact and essential revenue for the Farm so that we can further nourish our community.

**"Our time volunteering at Coastal Roots Farm was both grounding and inspiring. Knowing that this work helps support hundreds of thousands of people across San Diego made the experience especially meaningful." - Michael Caraway, SDG&E**



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