

Regenerative Agriculture Work Group  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
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Dear CDFA,

Last week Farm Forward released an [investigation](#) that found widespread animal abuse and neglect of cows managed by Alexandre Family Farm. Our investigation was covered in an extensive article in [The Atlantic](#).

We believe that Alexandre's management practices routinely violated standards of the National Organic Program as well as the standards of Regenerative Organic Certified. We've notified both agencies of the situation. We also documented dozens of incidents that may have violated California state water protection laws.

Based on our investigation we believe the Alexandres' farming practices are, at best, at odds with their public presentation, and at worst violated state laws regarding environmental protection.

Given the company's conduct, Farm Forward does not believe Blake Alexandre is an appropriate representative for regenerative farming, and we ask that CDFA remove him from CDFA's Regenerative Organic Work Group.

I'd be glad to share more on the phone if that's helpful. I'd be grateful for a timely response, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,



Andrew deCoriolis  
Executive Director

cc: Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation