

# Regenerative Agriculture

Soil absorbs and stores carbon from the atmosphere—when it's healthy.

## The Opportunity

Healthy soil is a natural carbon reservoir—but roughly one-third of the world's soils are now moderately or severely degraded. Agricultural lands are also under increased pressure from rising temperatures, erratic and severe weather, and inconsistent water cycles.

Regenerative farming helps enrich soil, improve water cycling, and boost biodiversity—all while building resilience to a changing climate. It requires hard work, but dedicated stewards across Boulder County and beyond are already bringing degraded agricultural land back to life and producing delicious food in the process.



## What does a Regenerative Agriculture System Look Like?

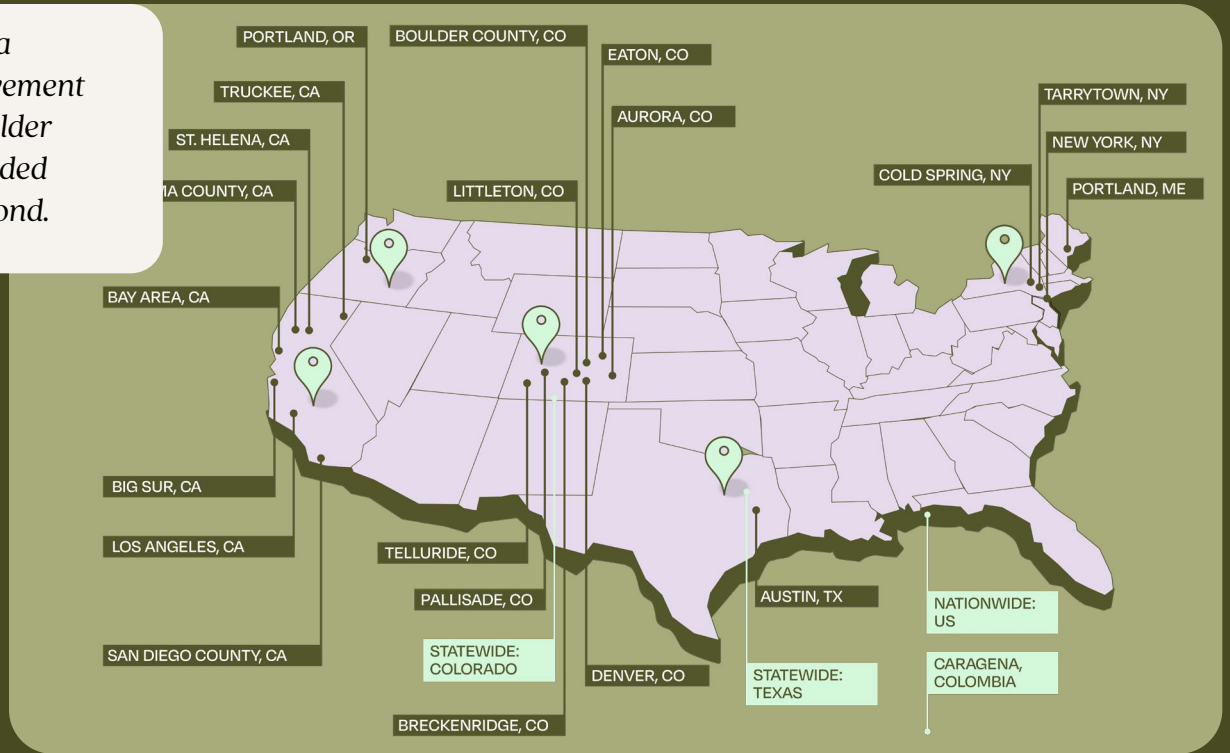
Regenerative Agriculture aims to create as many relationships that collectively foster resilient and sustainable food and soils.

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/soils/soil-health>



# Your Dinner Can Restore Agricultural Lands

Restore Colorado, a table-to-farm movement that started in Boulder County, has expanded statewide and beyond.



In 2020, Boulder County received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to launch the Restore Colorado grant program in partnership with Zero Foodprint and Mad Agriculture. Food businesses sign up to become Zero Foodprint members and collect a 1% fee from customer meals. This fee goes towards Restore Colorado grants, which fund projects that improve soil health and sequester carbon on local farms and ranches.

[Learn More About Zero Foodprint](#)

## Eat Good Food



Eating local—whether that’s by shopping at a nearby farmers market—getting a CSA (community supported agriculture) produce subscription, or eating at a Zero Foodprint member restaurant, directly helps our local soil.

[Find a Zero Foodprint Restaurant.](#)

## Get Money for your Farm



Innovation can be risky and expensive, and Boulder County is ready to help. Annual grants, like the Soil Health Initiative and the Sustainable Food and Agriculture Fund, are available to farmers and ranchers across the county that are ready to dive into regenerative ag. [Check for Grants.](#)

## Put Your Restaurant where your Mouth Is



Zero Foodprint is accepting applications for restaurants and food businesses interested in supporting Restore grants. There are several ways to participate so you can choose the best fit for your business. [Join Zero Foodprint.](#)

