

TIERRA MIGUEL FARM WISH LIST



Wheelbarrows: During our workdays we are always hauling something from one area of the farm to another, soil, worms, tools etc. Wheelbarrows are a very handy thing to have around to help protect our backs from all of this work. This model is easier for kids to push because it doesn't tip over easily. This model is from Lowes and is large capacity with puncture proof wheels. \$135 (Item #: 6176 Model: CAT100P-LW 32870)



Shovels: Another handy tool for all kinds of work on the farm. We wear out our shovels regularly since much of our organic work is done by hand and not done by chemicals or big machinery. We like round nose shovels with fiberglass handles because they hold up better. \$20



Pitch Forks: Here is an example of a 5 tine pitchfork that we would love to have more of to dig and help with our compost piles. \$40



Bow Rakes: This strong and unromantic tool is also helpful around the farm. This tool is well used by all the groups that come to the farm to learn and work. \$25



Hand Pruners: We can never have enough pruners. They are a super handy tool for so many things. We find the curved or bypass are the best. \$30

Gloves: We need all sizes of sturdy gloves for all size hands. Inexpensive nitril coated knitted gloves are ones that fit the hand best and can be washed! \$3



Commercial Kitchen Stove: We are well on our way to getting our full Commercial Kitchen (CK). In order to start creating secondary food products we need to get our CK up and running. We are still in need of a Stove. We need a new or used ELECTRIC range such as the one pictured here. New ones start out at around \$6000.

Event supplies: We usually have at least 2 events each month, many include a potluck. During these events we have everyday supplies that always need replenishing - toilet paper, paper towels, extra large trash bags (55 gallon or larger), compostable cups, plates, flatware, bowls. \$5 on up.



2 Electric Utility Carts: This is a rather hopeful wish, motivated by our environmental consciousness. We are on 85 acres and to get from one area of the farm to another it takes 15 minutes to walk. We would love for our crew to stay efficient and be kinder to our environment. We don't mind used Electric Utility Carts but they need to be in good running condition. Here is a picture of a dream example of a covered, large utility capacity Electric Cart. New, they start at \$6000.

Sponsor a school to visit: This is a big wish since it includes the cost of buses, but there have been a number of schools that have expressed interest in visiting the farm but are unable to because of budget cuts. (The price of this varies depending on the distance from the farm \$700 to \$2000.)



One of the things that makes Tierra Miguel Farm (TMF) unique in Southern California is the opportunity to come visit, work, learn, and help plant and grow. To make it possible for children and adults to visit and for events to happen, we have \$20,000 in **Insurance** that is not covered by our everyday budget. We need your donation to help keep TMF open to the public for all of these amazing activities.

TRACTORS - John Deere 100 hp Catapillar tractor.

John Deere 60 hp front loading tractor.

Old tractors just get older. Over time the repairs to them exceed their value but the cost of new tractors is prohibitive for a tight farm budget. In researching prices for new tractors there seems to be a lot of variability in prices. That being said, they start at \$30,000.



Manure Spreader - 5 yard capacity: **WE DON'T SPREAD MANURE, WE SPREAD COMPOST!** The primary nutrient source for the crops that we grow is compost. We use the spreader to make the compost and then to spread it in the field in measured doses for maximum effect. This makes it one of the PIVOTAL pieces of equipment on the farm. Start at \$4000



Seed Drill - The seed drill is used for planting seeds directly in our fields. We need a seed drill to efficiently plant our cover crops which build up our organic matter in the soil and fertilize our soil naturally. The more precisely you can plant the seeds for the cover crop, the better germination, the better it contributes to the soil. This is also the first step in implementing a No Till farming technique at the farm. Start at \$5000



Roller/Crimper for Organic No Till farming - The Roller/Crimper is a recent development by the Rodale Institute to implement No Till techniques on Organic farms. It presses and crimps the cover crops in order to form a flattened mulch layer through which the harvested crops will be planted. This No Till system saves water, reduces weeds, and adds fertility to the soil. Start at \$4000. For more info go to: http://www.rodaleinstitute.org/no-till_revolution

Mac/Apple computers - newer models. We would like to switch to a Mac based system.

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