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Jo Ann Baumgartner is director of the Wild Farm Alliance (WFA). She works on conservation, food safety, and organic farming issues. Jo Ann is author of the policy paper *Food Safety Requires a Healthy Environment*, and co-editor of *Farming and the Fate of Wild Nature: Essays in Conservation-Based Agriculture*. Before joining WFA in 2001, she addressed sustainable dairy, produce, and fiber production topics; was senior research editor for *Life on the Edge*, a book of California's rare wildlife species; worked on a five-year research project using wastewater on freshly eaten crops; and farmed organically for over a decade. For her Master's research, she studied bird predation of insects in apple orchards. Her undergraduate degree is in soil and water science. Jo Ann has a keen interest in the conservation of native species for their own sake, and the connections between farms and the larger ecosystem.