

CYNTHIA A. DALEY BIOGRAPHY



Professor Cindy Daley, Ph.D.

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Dr. Cynthia Daley is a professor within the College of Agriculture at California State University Chico and currently serves as the Rawlins Endowed Professor for Environmental Literacy, and the Director for the Center for Regenerative Agriculture & Resilient Systems. Cindy is originally from Illinois, where her family has been actively engaged in the farming profession for more than four generations. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois, her doctorate at University of California Davis.

She joined the College of Agriculture faculty in 1997 and founded the Organic Dairy Education & Research Program in 2006. Seeing the need to grow the ecological farming movement, Daley went on to co-create the Regenerative Agriculture Initiative in 2016 and guided this program to Center status in May of 2019. The Center for Regenerative Agriculture & Resilient Systems is a consortium of interdisciplinary faculty and farmers who recognize the ecological benefits of regenerative farming practices including water conservation, soil fertility, and carbon sequestration. The Center's guiding principle is that agriculture, done regeneratively, can be the solution to soil degradation and climate change.

Education

University of California, Davis: Animal Physiology/Endocrinology	Ph.D. 1997
University of Illinois: Animal Science: Reproductive Endocrinology	B.S. 1984

Professional Experience

Organic Dairy Education & Research Program Supervisor, California State University, Chico
University Farm: <http://www.csuchico.edu/ag/farm/dairy-unit/index.shtml>

Board of Director – Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance: Grassroots alliance of dairy farmers from the 13 western states, focused on protecting the sustainability of the organic dairy industry. <http://www.wodpa.com>

Scientific Advisory Board – The Organic Center: <https://www.organic-center.org>

Science & Technical Advisory Council - The California Climate & Agriculture Network: <http://calclimateag.org>

Certified Educator for Holistic Management: Savory Institute: since 2014

Family owned business: custom grazing, holistic planned grazing management, native range.