



Dr. Dan Sonke

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Dan Sonke grew up working on his family's almond farm near Ripon, California. As an undergrad, he self-designed a degree in sustainable agriculture through and B.A. in Environmental Studies with plant science electives. An expert on environmental issues in agriculture, Dan has more than 20 years of professional sustainable agriculture experience. His Doctorate in Plant Medicine (D.P.M.) is an integrated professional degree in crop health management from the University of Florida. He has worked with systems ranging from small-holder tropical vegetables to diverse specialty crops and large commodity crop systems. He has developed sustainable agriculture programs for fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, and nuts, including a key role in starting the California Almond Sustainability Program. From 2011-2021, he developed Campbell Soup Company's approach to sustainability in agriculture. In this role, he developed farm to spoon storytelling capabilities for Campbell and served as subject matter expert on agriculture and sustainability issues. In 2021, he became Director of Sustainability for Blue Diamond Growers, leading sustainability at the cooperative of almond farmers behind the Blue Diamond Almonds brand.