

## Towards Sustainability: Coexistence and Synergy of Biotechnology with Traditional Agricultures



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# Farming Options, Biotech and Organic: A Grower's Perspective

**Don Cameron**

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Terranova Ranch Inc., Helm, California

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**4:00 p.m.**

Refreshments at 3:45

Kline Biology Tower  
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**Don Cameron**, who has a degree in Biology, has since 1981 been the Vice-President and General Manager of Terranova Ranch Inc, located 25 miles southwest of Fresno, California, farming approximately 5,500 acres. The farm has a mix of conventional, organic and biotech crops ranging from organic pima cotton, organic sage, basil, and lettuce seed, to conventional and biotech corn, alfalfa and pima cotton along with a diversity of other annual crops. Perennial crops grown include organic walnuts, conventional wine grapes, almonds, pistachios and prunes. In all, 28 crops are grown on the farm.

In addition, Mr. Cameron owns and farms Prado Farms located in Fresno County. He is active in agricultural organizations, including the California Cotton Alliance (Chairman), the California Tomato Growers Association (past Chairman), California Cotton Growers Association (past Chairman), the Supima Association (Vice Chairman), the National Cotton Council (Western Regional Director), the Cotton Foundation (past President and Chairman), and the American Cotton Producers. Mr. Cameron has provided informational testimony on organic and conventional agricultural practices and sustainability to state and national governmental policy committees on agriculture.

