KISS THE GROUND FARMER GRANT ‘25-’26

PT Ranch
IONE, CALIFORNIA

The Plan

Molly Taylor and her team at PT Ranch were facing a good problem: demand for their pasture-raised pork was growing faster than they could keep up! Their goal was to expand production without compromising the health of their land. The plan: with support from Kiss the Ground, create additional pig paddocks, allowing them to rotate animals more intentionally, protect the soil, and continue providing locally raised meat to their community.

Challenges & Learnings

Pork had become the backbone of PT Ranch’s business, but meeting growing demand meant finding room to expand. Molly knew that increasing production without the right infrastructure could put additional pressure on the land. The challenge was finding a way to grow responsibly while staying true to their regenerative values.

Adaptations

The team expanded their pig paddocks and introduced managed rotations to give the land time to recover between grazing periods. This approach allows them to accommodate more pigs while reducing pressure on individual pastures and keeping soil health at the center of their operation.

Community Impact

For Molly, growing the farm is also about feeding her neighbors. In Amador County, where affordability is a concern for many families, PT Ranch is committed to keeping its locally raised meats reasonably priced. Expanding pork production helps the farm respond to community demand while staying true to its values.

Results

With support from Kiss the Ground, PT Ranch installed additional pig paddocks and expanded its rotational management system, creating more room for pork production while protecting pasture health. The farm reports improved pasture conditions and greater financial stability as its primary business continues to grow. It’s a meaningful step toward a farm that can thrive economically while caring for the land.

BIGGEST IMPACT

RESPONSIBLE FARM GROWTH



> “We strive to keep our meats reasonably priced so our local community can afford to purchase them.”
>
> – MOLLY TAYLOR
> PT RANCH