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President of SureHarvest

Dr. Jeff Dlott is president of SureHarvest, a California corporation providing sustainability solutions for the agri-food pipeline. Since 1999, SureHarvest has been delivering software tools and professional services to growers, wineries, trade associations, and food companies. Growers farming over 300,000 acres use SureHarvest technologies to manage their farming operations. Jeff has almost 20 years of experience in pest management research, bio-integrated partnership projects, and the development of sustainability programs for over 25 different commodities, including wine grapes.

Since 2001, Jeff has managed a professional services team working with the Wine Institute, California Association of Winegrape Growers and many regional winegrowing associations in the design, management and evaluation of the California Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices (SWP)—a comprehensive sustainable management practices assessment and educational program for winegrowers and winemakers. Over 1000 winegrape growers and 230 wineries participate in the SWP. In 2004, the SWP Program received one of the prestigious Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards.

Currently, Jeff is leading the SureHarvest team as they collaborate with almond, avocado, pear, and dairy trade associations to develop sustainability programs applicable to their own industry. Jeff is also co-founder of the Stewardship Index for Specialty Crops, an initiative to develop a system for measuring sustainable performance throughout the specialty crop supply chain.

Jeff received his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management in 1993.