

Success Stories: How Farmers Are Cutting Gopher Pressure With Barn Owls

Growers across Central California are adding barn owls to their rodent control. These are a few of their stories.

An almond orchard in the Central Valley

This grower kept losing time and money to gophers chewing irrigation lines and girdling young trees.

He put up one owl box per ten acres. Here is what he reported over the following months:

- About an 80% drop in visible gopher mounds within six months
- Better tree growth and less girdling damage
- Lower repair and maintenance costs on his irrigation lines

A small vineyard

Rats were chewing drip lines and damaging young vines.

The owner installed ten barn owl boxes. Over the season, he saw:

- Owls hunting the blocks nightly
- A drop in rat activity around the vines
- Less need for traps and bait, which fit his sustainability goals

A diversified family farm

This family added owl boxes after a local workshop.

Over two years they watched several generations of owls nest and stay:

- Steady, long-term nesting on the property
- A predator population that returned each season
- Neighbors asking how to set up boxes of their own

What these stories have in common

Every one of these farms treated owl boxes as part of a bigger plan, not a single fix.

Barn owls will not clear every gopher, and they do not replace trapping, baiting, or other control methods. They give you a natural tool that works overnight, on your ground, at low cost once the boxes are up.

Do you have blocks with gopher or rat pressure this season? A short site review helps you figure out where owl boxes fit on your farm.

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