What is SARE?
Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) program has been the go-to USDA grants and outreach program for farmers, ranchers, researchers and educators who want to develop innovations that improve farm profitability, protect water and land, and revitalize communities. To date, SARE has awarded over $332 million to more than 7,748 initiatives.

SARE is grassroots with far-reaching impact
Four regional councils of expert practitioners set priorities and make grants in every state and island protectorate.

SARE communicates results
SARE shares project results by requiring grantees to conduct outreach and grower engagement, and by maintaining an online library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.

SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

California

Managing nitrogen (N) effectively helps farmers raise a high-quality crop, avoid wasting dollars and protect water quality. Yet in the highly productive Salinas Valley of Monterey County, many farmers who use organic practices lack complete information on effective N management. This is particularly true of beginning farmers and those who have a language barrier or otherwise have limited access to support services. Organic agriculture is booming in Monterey County: organic sales volume was $151 million in 2012. Ensuring that all organic growers have the best opportunity to succeed in a lucrative market was the motivation behind the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association’s (ALBA) SARE grant.

ALBA collaborated with experienced farmers and Extension specialists to hold workshops on organic N management and on-farm research principles. It also provided in-depth, bilingual training and support to nine beginning farmers participating in its incubator program. ALBA’s grant allowed 500 growers and educators to benefit from workshops and publications focused on N management, and 91 percent of surveyed farmers reported adopting at least one new practice. By improving their knowledge on the subject and integrating new practices, the growers have positioned themselves for success.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number OW13-062.

SARE in California
western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/california

$13,180,320 in total funding
218 grant projects
(since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to www.sare.org/state-summaries
SARE Grants in California

Total awards: **218 grants**
- 63 Research and Education
- 38 Professional Development Program
- 67 Farmer/Rancher
- 35 Graduate Student
- 13 On Farm
- Research/Partnership
- 2 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: **$13,180,320**
- $8,320,099 Research and Education
- $2,502,547 Professional Development Program
- $910,875 Farmer/Rancher
- $725,959 Graduate Student
- $634,140 On Farm
- Research/Partnership
- $86,700 Research to Grass Roots

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

SARE's Impact

- **53 percent** of producers report using a new production technique after reading a SARE publication.
- **79 percent** of producers said they improved soil quality through their SARE project.
- **64 percent** of producers said their SARE project helped them achieve higher sales.

Learn about local impacts at: western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/california

Contact Your SARE State Coordinator

SARE sustainable ag coordinators run state-level educational programs for Extension and other ag professionals, and many help grant applicants and recipients with planning and outreach. Visit western.sare.org/state-pages/california to learn more.

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  UCCE Livestock Advisor  
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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to www.SARE.org

SARE is funded by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

This report includes summaries of competitive grant programs only. Some competitive grant programs that are no longer offered may be included or excluded from the totals in this report depending on the grant program and SARE region.
California has been awarded $13,180,320 grants to support 210 projects, including but not limited to, 55 research and/or education projects, 38 professional development projects and 67 producer-led projects. California has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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University of California Davis  
Dr. Patrick Brown  
University of California Davis  
Dr. Amelie Gaudin  
University of California, Davis |
| SW20-913  | Effective Management of Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut through Disruption of Insect Vector Behavior                                         | $349,770     | Dr. Richard Bostock  
University of California  
Dr. Daniel Kluepfel  
USDA - ARS, Crops Pathology and Genetics Research Unit  
Dr. Steven Seybold  
USDA Forest Service |
| SW20-919  | Biointensive no-till farming in California: farmer-driven research and education on soil health, water efficiency and economic resiliency       | $251,036     | Dr. Timothy Bowles  
University of California Berkeley  
Amanda Hodson  
University of California, Davis  
Dr. Paul Rogé  
MESA, Inc. |
| SW19-902  | Potential Economic and Nitrogen Benefits of Fababean as a Double Purpose Cash and Cover Crop in Northern California                           | $348,772     | Dr. Hossein Zakeri  
California State University- Chico |
| SW19-908  | Quantifying the effects of rangeland conversion on ecosystem functions: Linking land use systems to enhance farm profitability                | $349,327     | Fadzayi Elizabeth Mashiri  
University of California |
| SW18-063  | Quantifying the frequency and effects of secondary exposure to rodenticides in barn owls                                                   | $249,546     | Dr. Joshua Hull  
UC Davis |
| SW17-060  | UAS (Unmanned Aerial System)-guided releases of predatory mites for management of spider mites in strawberry                               | $249,878     | Dr. Elvira de Lange  
University of California Davis |
| SW14-011  | Farming for Native Bees                                                                                                                        | $247,649     | Dr. Gordon Frankie  
UC Berkeley |
| SW12-110  | The interaction of rangeland management and environmental conditions in regulating forage quality & quantity and other ecosystem services     | $265,414     | Valerie Eviner  
UC Davis |
| SW11-116  | Integrated rotation systems for soil borne disease, weed and fertility management in strawberry/vegetable production                        | $218,424     | Joji Muramoto  
University of California, Santa Cruz |
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Dr. Sean Swezey
Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food System

Riparian Friendly Grazing Project

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University of California Davis

Transition to Organic Vegetable Production by Large-Scale Conventional Farmers

Louise Jackson
UC Davis

The Transition from Conventional to Low-Input or Organic Farming Systems: Soil Biology, Soil Chemistry, Soil Physics, Energy Utilization, Economics, and Risk

Steven Temple
University of California

Rotations with Broccoli - A Sustainable Alternative to Soil Chemical Fumigants

Krishna Subbarao
University of California, Davis

Cropping Systems for Intensive Desert Vegetable Production

Charles Sanchez
University of Arizona
Dr. Milt McGiffen, Jr.
University of California

Reducing Insecticide Use on Celery Through Low Input Pest Management Strategies

John T. Trumble
University of California, Department of Entomology

Decomposition and Nutrient Release Dynamics of Cover Crop Materials

Dr. Jeff Mitchell
University of California, Davis

Development and Implementation of Trap Cropping Strategies for Control of Hemipteran Pests in Pistachio Orchards

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The Transition from Conventional to Low-input or Organic Farming Systems: Soil Biology, Soil Chemistry, Soil Physics, Energy Utilization, Economics and Risk

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Tillage Practices for Improving Nitrogen Cycling and Soil Quality

Louise Jackson
UC Davis

Controlled Grazing on Foothill Rangelands

Roger Ingram
University of California Cooperative Extension

A Cover Crop System for Sustainable Grape Production in California - Beyond the Transition Phase

Frank G. Zalom
University of California

Development of a Farm-Wide System for Control of Many of the Principal Lepidopterous Pests of Grapes and Tree Fruits Based on Disruption of Premating Pheromone Communication Between Male and Female Moths

Harry H. Shorey
University of California

Managing Soil Biota in Low-Input and Organic Farming Systems to Enhance Soil Fertility

Kate Scow
University of California, Dept. of Land, Air, and Water Resources
The Transition from Conventional to Low-input or Organic Farming Systems: Soil Biology, Soil Chemistry, Soil Physics, Energy Utilization, Economics and Risk

Western Region Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Conference

Sierra County Alternative Agriculture Project

Farming in the 21st Century: A Documentary Photography Project

Prune Refuges and Cover Crops to Facilitate Low-Input Production of California’s Raisin, Table, and Wine Grapes

A Multidisciplinary Approach to Evaluate and Aid the Transition From Conventional to Low-Input Pest Management Systems in Stone Fruits

Assisting Resource-Poor, Small-Scale Farmers with Adoption of Low-Input Technologies through a Client Participation Program of Cooperative Research and Extension at the Rural Development Center Near Salinas, California

California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

Application of Low-Volume Water Systems to the Cultural and Biological Control of Root Diseases

A Comparison of Conventional, Low-Input and Organic Farming Systems: The Transition Phase and Long-Term Viability

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$56,000

Steve Schwartz
California FarmLink

**Sharing Resources to Help Connect Farmers to Direct Marketing Niches**

$96,578

David Chaney
SAREP

**Broading the Audience: Providing Sustainable Agriculture Education for Pest Control Advisers and Agricultural Consultants in California and Oregon**

$80,100

David Chaney
SAREP

**Sustainable Range & Pasture Livestock & Dairy Production Training For Resource Professionals**

$29,000

Roger Ingram
University of California Cooperative Extension

**Multidisciplinary On-Site Training in Sustainable Agriculture Education**

$97,432

Steven Temple
University of California

**Sustainable Agriculture Curriculum Development Project for Extension Professionals in California’s San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast Regions**

$98,773

David Chaney
SAREP

**Sustainable Arid Land Grazing Systems: Training for Managers of Public Land and Reserves**

$29,000

William Olkowski
Bio-Integral Resource Center (South)

**Professional Training in Biologically Integrated Orchard Systems**

$155,940

Jill Klein
Com. Alliance w/ Family Farmers/BIOS Training Prop. for SARE

**A Consortium-Based Sustainable Agriculture Training Program (SATP) Curriculum Plan**

$20,000

Dr. Sean Swezey
Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food System

**Multidisciplinary On-Site Training in Sustainable Agriculture Education**

$71,000

Steven Temple
University of California

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Sunset Ranch |
| FW21-377  | The effects of biochar soil amendments on industrial hemp yields | $25,000 | Tony De Veyra
Fifth World Llc |
| FW21-379  | Increasing food yields from urban and peri-urban farms through deployment of small-scale agricultural technologies | $25,000 | David Blume
Whiskey Hill Farm/Blume Distillation |
| FW21-385  | Increased Profitability for Small Farms in Silicon Valley Through Year-Round Production of Baby Greens | $23,204 | Sam Thorp
Spade and Plow Organics LLC |
| FW21-386  | Improving Soil Health with biochar and compost application in North Coast Vineyards | $24,583 | Dr. Michael Sipiora
Treasury Wine Estates |
| FW21-387  | Using Flavonoid and Polyphenol Testing of Honey to Improve Consumer Education | $25,000 | Alisha Taff
Rock Front Ranch |
Adding value to grassfed cattle operations by restoring rangeland health with targeted grazing on California's Central Coast

Mitigating on-farm toxins using fungi: a case study on two farms.

Grazing of annual brassicas to extend grazing season in summer-dry pastures in Northern California


Farm-to-Glass: Performance Testing Different Varieties of Malting Barley

Converting tree nut byproducts into gourmet mushrooms and mulches

Examining the practical on-ranch application and benefits of low-stress herding and stockmanship techniques

Honeybee Regeneration Project

Sorrel Pesto: The Positive Implications of Sorrel as a Substitute for Basil in Pesto Production

Sustainable Irrigation Demonstration Project: Demonstrating Irrigation Efficiency in California Winegrapes through Advanced Practices and Technologies

Improving Water Use Efficiency in Conventional and Organic Almonds through Data Driven Irrigation

High Desert High Tunnels

Vines And Ovines: Benefits of Target Grazing to Sheep and Vineyard Industries

Use of Wood Ash as Soil Amendment on Annual Rangelands

Woolgathering on the Farm

Creating and Marketing Value-Added Orchard Products

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FW03-010  Increasing Adoption of Sustainable Practices in Central Coast Vineyards  $13,000  Kris Beal  Vineyard Team

FW03-013  Can Llamas Be an Effective Tool for Predator Control?  $6,500  Jill Hackett  Howe Creek Ranch

FW03-015  Pastured Pork: Economics of Intensive Grazing in the Western United States  $6,550  John Currey  CR Pigs

FW03-105  Bay Area Agricultural Cooperative  $13,000  John Lagier  Lagier Ranches

FW03-107  Marin Organics Cooperative Marketing Program  $13,500  Warren Weber  Star Route Farms

FW03-318  Conservation of Groundwater Resources in the Mojave High Desert Region through Producer Education of Irrigation Management  $6,285  Grant Poole  University of California Cooperative Extension

FW02-211  Marin Organic’s Cooperative Marketing Outreach  $9,191  Warren Weber  Star Route Farms

FW02-213  Establishing a Market for Sustainable Agricultural Products in Sierra Nevada Foothill Counties  $12,900  Ed Rich

FW01-089  Symphylans: A growing menace. A look into its detection, damage, and control in a small-scale Biointensive Community Supported Agriculture Project.  $6,270  Michelle Vesser  Small Farm / Specialty Crops

FW00-005  Production of Strawberry Plants using Sterile Soil Amendments  $5,000  Allen Albaugh

FW00-008  Tracking Costs and Returns in a Transition to Grass-Based Dairying  $1,139  Dean Martin

FW00-010  Soil Solarization for Weed and Disease Control in Specialty Crops  $4,975  Mike Smith

FW00-021  Water Use of Wine Grapes in the Granitic Soils of the Fair Play Wine Region in the Sierra Foothills  $10,000  Brian Fitzpatrick

FW00-080  Moving From Selling Through Intermediaries to Direct Marketing Using Cause Related Marketing Strategy  $4,447  Maria Ines Catalan

FW00-210  Test Marketing Pasture Produced Artisan Cheeses  $7,910  Tim Pedrozo

FW00-299  Good Humus Produce Farm to School Project  $5,300  Annie Main

FW99-073  Converting Dairy Waste into More Usable Products through Vermiculture  $4,300  Charmaine Harris
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<td>GW21-227</td>
<td>What is a Healthy Soil for Wine Grape Production? Assessing Soil Health Across California Vineyards</td>
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<td>Dr.Cristina Lazcano University of California Davis Dr.Mallika Nocco University of California Davis Dr.Kerri Steenwerth USDA/University of California Davis Noelymar Gonzalez-Maldonado University of California Davis</td>
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<td>Cover crops to enhance control of leaf footed bug, Leptoglossus zonatus, in California tree nut crops</td>
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GW20-213  Linking Adaptive Rangeland Decision-Making and Vulnerability to Drought and Wildfire  $13,394  
Leslie Roche  
UC Davis  
Grace Woodmansee  
University of California, Davis, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Rangelands Lab  
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University of California, Davis, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Rangelands Lab

GW20-216  Network analysis of organic seed systems: a systems-level analysis for resilience  $24,997  
Mark Lubell  
University of California, Davis  
Liza Wood  
University of California, Davis  
Jared Zystro  
Organic Seed Alliance  
Liza Wood  
University of California, Davis

GW19-191  Systems approaches to co-manage disease, water and soil health for sustainable processing tomato production in the Western region  $25,000  
Dr. Cassandra Swett  
UC Davis  
Justine Beaulieu  
UC Davis

GW19-193  Conventional vs. regenerative almond orchards, with regards to invertebrate biomass and biodiversity, soil health, food safety, and profitability  $25,000  
Dr. Jonathan Lundgren, PhD  
Ecdysis Foundation  
Dr. Patty Oikawa  
California State University East Bay  
Dr. Erica Wildy  
California State University East Bay  
Thomas Fenster  
California State University East Bay

GW19-194  Sustainable orchard intensification: Cover crops and management intensity  $24,944  
Bradley Hanson  
University of California, Davis  
Steven Haring  
University of California, Davis

GW19-200  Natural pest control in a working agricultural landscape: Investigating the impact of rodent control on beneficial hawks and owls  $24,997  
Dr. Joshua Hull  
UC Davis  
Dr. Sara Kross  
Columbia University  
Breanna Martinico  
UC Davis

GW18-062  Development of New Selection Tools and Crop Varieties for Sustainable Agriculture  $24,443  
Paul Gepts  
University of California - Davis  
Travis Parker  
University of California - Davis

GW18-020  New Ranchers, New Needs: Why are first-generational ranchers deciding against traditional climate adaptation strategies?  $24,982  
Leslie Roche  
UC Davis  
Katherine Munden-Dixon  
University of California - Davis

GW18-041  Insect Discovery and Breeding as Tools for Sustainable Solutions to Organic Waste Management  $24,942  
Dr. Christian Nansen  
University of California, Davis  
Trevor Fowles  
University of California - Davis

GW18-142  Cover Crop Systems for Almond Orchards: Exploring Benefits and Tradeoffs to Inform Management  $24,852  
William Horwath  
University of California, Davis  
Cynthia Creze  
University of California, Davis

GW18-126  Increasing the sustainability of dairy cattle by providing genetic tools to reduce lameness, improving welfare and production  $23,623  
Dr. Anita Oberbauer  
University of California, Davis  
Ellen Lai  
University of California, Davis

GW17-032  Management of Fusarium Wilt of Strawberry through Crop Rotation  $24,999  
Dr. Thomas Gordon  
UC Davis Dept. Plant Pathology  
Peter Henry  
University of California at Davis
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| GW16-044  | A Collaborative Approach to Integrated Pest Management of Tadpole Shrimp in California Rice Fields. | $24,928 | Larry Godfrey  
University of California, Davis  
Joanna Bloese  
University of California, Davis |
| GW13-011  | Compost-Induced Disease Suppressive Soils for Control of Verticillium Wilt of Strawberry | $24,992 | Tom Gordon  
UC Davis  
Margaret Lloyd  
UC Davis |
| GW13-018  | Best management practices that promote sustainable crop pollination: the role of crop rotations and tillage depth | $24,954 | Neal Williams  
University of California, Davis  
Katharina Ullmann  
University of California, Davis |
| GW12-024  | Ecosystem Services in Hedgerow Restorations: Pollination Function and Nesting Habitat | $17,882 | Dr. Claire Kremen  
University of California, Berkeley  
Hillary Sardinas  
UC Berkeley |
| GW11-001  | Pastured Poultry/Crop Systems and Their Effect on Food Safety, Farm Economy, and Soil Quality | $24,807 | Dr. Kathleen Hilimire  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
Stephen R. Gliessman  
University of California |
| GW11-012  | Facilitating Integrated Weed Management in California Rice: Predicting E. spp. and C. difformis emergence across heterogeneous growing environments | $17,120 | Dr. Chris van Kessel  
University of California, Davis  
Dr. Mark Lundy  
University of California Cooperative Extension |
| GW10-010  | Irrigation Alternatives for Sustainable Water Use of Processing Tomatoes | $25,000 | Louise Jackson  
UC Davis  
Felipe Barrios Masias  
Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno |
| GW09-018  | Promoting Native Bumblebees in Agricultural systems for conservation and ecosystem service | $20,074 | Dr. Claire Kremen  
University of California, Berkeley  
Dr. Alexandra Harmon-Threatt  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign |
| GW08-015  | Screening for non-host rotation crops of Colletotrichum acutatum for strawberry nurseries in California | $19,535 | W. Douglas Gubler  
University of California, Davis  
Joseph Jertberg  
UC Davis Plant Pathology Department |
| GW08-018  | Solarization and steam heat combined to control weeds in strawberry | $19,974 | Steve Fennimore  
University of California, Davis  
Celeste Gilbert  
University of California, Davis |
| GW07-003  | Sustainable Landscapes: Investigating the Landscape Scale Effects of Riparian Habitat on Natural Pest Control | $17,950 | Suzanne Langridge  
University of California |
| GW07-006  | Risk, Rate, and Impact of Medusahead Invasion of California Savannas | $19,971 | Dr. Emilio Laca  
UC Davis  
Corey Cherr  
University of California, Davis |
| GW07-012  | Managing Soil Food Webs for Enriched and Suppressive Soils: Effects of Cover Crop Diversity and Quality | $19,235 | Tianna Dupont  
University of California at Davis |
| GW06-004  | Linking C and N Cycling to Microbial Community Function in Cover Crop Systems | $9,995 | Angela Yin Yee Kong  
University of California, Davis |
| GW06-007  | Pest Control Services from Natural Habitat | $9,650 | Rebecca Chaplin  
University of California, Berkeley |
### Investigating the Effect of Hedgerows to Enhance Natural Biological Control

**Project #:** GW06-016  
**Project Title:** Investigating the Effect of Hedgerows to Enhance Natural Biological Control  
**SARE Support:** $10,000  
**Project Leaders:** Tara Pisani Gareau  
**Institution:** University of California, Santa Cruz

### Understanding N Fixation by Legume Cover Crops in Organic Vegetable Systems

**Project #:** GW06-017  
**Project Title:** Understanding N Fixation by Legume Cover Crops in Organic Vegetable Systems  
**SARE Support:** $10,000  
**Project Leaders:** Carol Shennan, Katie Monsen  
**Institution:** University of California, Santa Cruz

### Sheep Grazing as a Tool for Vernal Pool Stewardship

**Project #:** GW06-029  
**Project Title:** Sheep Grazing as a Tool for Vernal Pool Stewardship  
**SARE Support:** $8,813  
**Project Leaders:** J. Hall Cushman, Joan Schwan  
**Institution:** Sonoma State University

### Developing a Management Plan for Reducing Thrips-induced Damage on Timothy Hay

**Project #:** GW06-030  
**Project Title:** Developing a Management Plan for Reducing Thrips-induced Damage on Timothy Hay  
**SARE Support:** $10,000  
**Project Leaders:** Larry Godfrey, Daniel Marcum, Domic Reisig  
**Institution:** University of California, Davis

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National Center for Appropriate Technology |
| OW19-339   | Collaboration to demonstrate the potential use and value of electronic identification and DNA testing in the sheep industry | $50,000      | Julie Finzel  
The Regents of the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resoruces  
Dr.Alison Van Eenennaam  
UCANR |
| OW19-345   | Effects of Occultation on Weed Pressure, Labor Costs, Product Quality, and Yield in Sustainable Vegetable Production in Northern California | $49,994      | Dave Runsten  
Community Alliance with Family Farmers  
Kali Feiereisel  
Community Alliance With Family Farmers |
| OW19-349   | Amador Rangeland Soil Health Research and Education Project | $49,139      | Amanda Watson  
Amador Resource Conservation District |
| OW19-351   | A Collaborative Beneficial Insect and Pheromone Mating Disruption Demonstration Project | $50,000      | Dr.Stephanie Bolton  
Lodi Winegrape Commission |
| OW18-013   | Early Weaning of Beef Calves: A Drought Management Strategy on Annual Rangelands | $41,184      | Dan Macon  
University of California Cooperative Extension |
| OW17-043   | Beginning-farmer Research and Instruction on Growing in High Tunnels | $49,999      | nathan harkleroad  
ALBA |
| OW17-054   | Advancing sustainable nitrogen management in strawberries through participatory research and education | $49,937      | Sacha Lozano  
Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County |
| OW16-013   | Irrigated Pastureland Enhancement Program | $49,774      | Leslie Roche  
UC Davis  
Dan Macon  
UC Cooperative Extension |
| OW14-032   | Selecting and Managing Vineyard Cover Crops to Reduce Consumption of Net Basin Water | $49,467      | Fritz Westover  
Vineyard Team  
Kris Beal  
Vineyard Team |
| OW13-062   | Empowering Socially-Disadvantaged Farmers to Investigate Nitrogen Management in High-Value Vegetable Crops | $45,527      | nathan harkleroad  
ALBA |
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