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 $311 million to more than 7,449 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...

Guam

Project Highlight: Training on a Better Way to Fight Banana Weevil

Agriculture has not played a large role in Guam’s economy since the significant changes brought by World War II. For example, bananas sold in the past few years were mostly imported. Today, local farmers on Guam and other Pacific Islands are growing more bananas and the number of banana plantations is on the rise. But as Guam’s banana industry is on the rise, so too is the banana weevil, a pest that can decimate the crop and cause a complete loss of yield if not controlled.

To help producers cope with the pest, the University of Guam’s Gadi Reddy used a 2009 SARE grant to advance local agriculture professionals’ knowledge of semiochemicals in pest management. Semiochemicals are pheromones and other chemicals used to attract insects to physical traps, a potentially low-cost way of managing the banana weevil without resorting to over-use of pesticides.

Reddy increased his colleagues’ knowledge base by creating a variety of training publications on the use of semiochemicals. In conjunction with the publications, he led a four-month class for 10 agricultural professionals on the benefits and methods of trapping the four most prominent weevil pests. Twenty-four ag professionals also attended a shorter workshop. Of those workshop participants, 67 percent reported leaving the event prepared to implement techniques learned.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number EW09-012.

SARE in Guam

western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/guam

$1,992,377 in total funding

45 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 45 grants
- 22 Farmer/Rancher
- 3 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 9 Professional Development Program
- 10 Research and Education
- 1 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: $1,992,377
- $219,820 Farmer/Rancher
- $138,884 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $583,272 Professional Development Program
- $977,530 Research and Education
- $72,871 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/guam

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/guam to learn more.

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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.
Guam has been awarded $1,992,377 grants to support 45 projects, including but not limited to, 10 research and/or education projects, 9 professional development projects and 22 producer-led projects. Guam has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS**

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| SW19-906  | Reducing tree decline of Casuarina equisetifolia in Guam through replacement of bacterial wilt infected trees and research into the bacterial microbiomes of trees and associated termites | $304,273 | Dr. Robert Schlub  
University of Guam |
| SW09-067  | Island to Island, Farmer to Chef: Ag Agricultural Marketing Proposal | $133,967 | Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.  
University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service |
| SW09-304  | Replacing Feed Imports With Local Feed Resources in the Western Pacific | $47,207 | Dr. Manuel Duguies  
Cooperative Extension Service |
| SW08-067  | Decline of Casuarina equisetifolia: A Loss to Pacific Island Agroforestry | $140,680 | Roger Brown, Jr.  
University of Guam  
Dr. Robert Schlub  
University of Guam |
| SW05-00B  | Preservation of Traditional Medicinal Plants on Guam | $18,615 | Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.  
University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service |
| SW02-048  | Alternative Housing Structure for Livestock and Poultry in Micronesia | $26,857 | Dr. Manuel Duguies  
Cooperative Extension Service |
| SW01-017  | Commercial Production of Tropical Mushrooms Grown Organically | $36,081 | George Wall  
CALS/AES, University of Guam |
| SW99-048  | Evaluation and implementation of nitrogen fixing species in hedgerow intercropping in Marianas | $132,000 | Mari Marutani  
College of Nat. & Appl. Sciences, Univ. of Guam |
| SW99-047  | Strengthening through Education the Sustainability of Solanaceous Crop Production in the Western Pacific Region | $16,000 | Dr. Robert Schlub  
University of Guam |
| SW98-041  | Evaluation of Processing Food Refuse and By-products for Growing Finishing Swine | $121,850 | Farouq Abawi  
University of Guam |

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RGR20-003 Expanding Small-scale Sustainable Agroforestry Demonstration Plots in the Western Pacific $72,871
Joseph Tuquero
University of Guam
Mark Acosta
University of Guam, Cooperative Extension
Laninbwij Langmos
College of Marshall Islands Cooperative Research and Extension
Jackson Phillip
College of Micronesia

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

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| PDP20-001 | Fungal leaf spots: field, lab, and online tutorial for professionals in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands | $66,013 | Dr. Robert Schlub
University of Guam
Dr. Marin Brewer
University of Georgia
Dr. Robert Kemerait
University of Georgia
Dr. Kisha Shelton
University of Georgia
Dr. Leilan Sumabat-Dacones
University of Philippines |
| WGU21-001 | Guam 3 Year State Professional Development Program Plan FY2021-2024 | $90,000 | Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.
University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service
Mark Acosta
University of Guam, Cooperative Extension |
| EW14-006 | Plant Disease Diagnostic Training for Agricultural Professionals in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands | $63,900 | Dr. Robert Schlub
University of Guam |
| EW09-012 | Increasing Ecological Insect Pest Management on Guam Through Building Agriculture Professionals’ Understanding of Semiochemicals | $59,990 | Gadi V.P. Reddy, Ph.D.
University of Guam
Dr. Michael Ivie
Montana State University-Bozeman |
| EW08-018 | Enhancing Ecological Disease Management on Guam Through Building Agriculture professionals’ Understanding of Soil Nutrients | $49,962 | Roger Brown, Jr.
University of Guam
Dr. Robert Schlub
University of Guam |
| EW05-007 | Transfer of Research Based Knowledge in Agriculture in the American Pacific | $74,507 | Dr. Manuel Duguies
Cooperative Extension Service |
| EW05-017 | Capacity Building and Training in Commercial Aquaculture for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa | $90,000 | Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.
University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service |
| EW99-002 | People Improving Growth for Swine (PIGS) in Micronesia | $47,540 | Dr. Manuel Duguies
Cooperative Extension Service |
| EW98-011 | Portable Extension Office for Program Literature Exchange (PEOPLE) | $41,360 | Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.
University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service |

### FARMER/RANCHER GRANTS

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| FW19-348 | Sheet Mulch Using Cardboard and NFTs | $11,000 | Glenn Takai
Takai Farm |
| FW17-014 | My Boars Are In Iowa | $13,597 | Eddie Saure
Eddie Saure |
FW17-050  Ducks in a Row: Raising Ducks on Guam for Production and Pest Control $19,206  Maegan Paloma  Maegan Paloma

FW16-015  From Peewee to Large Eggs $11,393  Alex Coloma  Agriculture

FW16-030  Rotating Paddock-style Systems in Tropical Environments $17,196  Hertha Van Beurden  Paradise Natural Farm

FW15-041  Raising Black Soldier Fly Larvae as Chicken Feed in a Tropical Region $8,232  Chelsa Muna-Brecht  P.U.N.G.Co Farms

FW08-046  Growing Papaya Using Aquaculture Effluent in an Automated Drip Irrigation System $14,800  David Crisostomo

FW08-048  Living Mulch on Guam $13,000  Laila Pierson

FW08-313  Kona to Guam Weaving the Farmer Chef Network $19,625  Phoebe Wall  University of Guam  Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.  University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service

FW06-026  Multi-crops on Plant Beds on Guam $5,915  Laila Pierson

FW05-003  Wastewater Delivery System for Irrigation and Soil Enrichment on Guam $4,570  John Benaventa  Triple B Farms

FW05-013  Recycling Fish Waste to Fertilize Guam Farms $19,809  Ernie Wusstig

FW05-312  Maximizing Production Efficiency in a Three-Stage Integrated Agriculture System Using Taro, Tilapia, Aquatic Plants and Fancy Guppies $9,951  Dr. L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr.  University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service

FW04-104  Lei Making and Marketing – A New Approach to Marketing $6,750  Antoinette Okada

FW04-302  Greenhouse Water Barrier $10,871  Pete Terlane  Guam Department of Agriculture

FW02-017  Decreasing Dependence on Man-Made Fertilizers for Crop Production in Tropical Limestone Soils $5,200  Ernie Wusstig

FW00-064  Adopting Health Programs and Improving Weaning Facilities in Management of Piglet Diarrhea on Guam $7,085  Ricardo Cruz, Jr.

FW99-015  Mushroom Production $3,950  David Nelson

FW99-031  Genetic Upgrading and Improving Goat Management Practices on Guam $6,000  Loella Armstrong
FW97-054 Use of Sunnhemp in Cucumber Production $4,300 Felix Quan

FW96-029 Dry-Extrusion of Wet Garbage for Swine Feeding $4,350 George Pangelinan

FW96-030 Vegetable Soybean Cultivar Trials $3,020 Felix Quan

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