

## 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 \$309 million to more than 7,407 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.



[www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

## 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](http://sare.org/projects), and search for project number [EW09-012](#).

## SARE in Guam

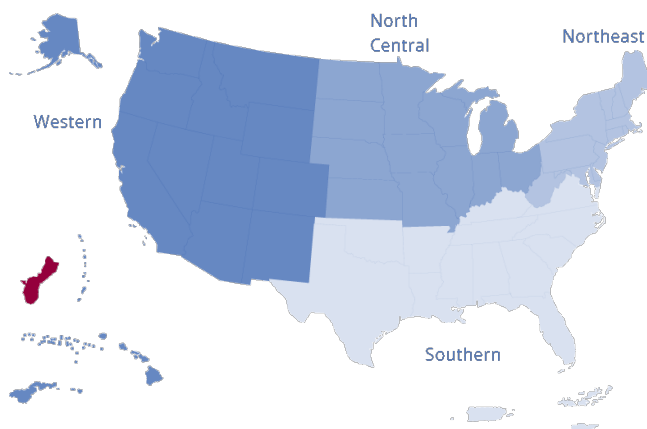
[western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/guam](http://western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/guam)

**\$2,001,185**  
in total funding

**46 grant projects**

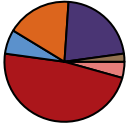
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For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [www.sare.org/state-summaries](http://www.sare.org/state-summaries)



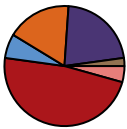
# SARE Grants in Guam

Total awards: 46 grants



2 Enhanced State Grants  
22 Farmer/Rancher  
3 On Farm Research/Partnership  
8 Professional Development Program  
10 Research and Education  
1 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: \$2,001,185



\$98,808 Enhanced State Grants  
\$219,820 Farmer/Rancher  
\$138,884 On Farm Research/Partnership  
\$493,272 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](http://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](http://western.sare.org/state-pages/guam) to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to

[www.SARE.org](http://www.SARE.org)

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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.



# AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN GUAM

by USDA's  
**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program**

Guam has been awarded \$1,902,377 grants to support 44 projects, including but not limited to, 10 research and/or education projects, 8 professional development projects and 22 producer-led projects. Guam has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
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 CALSAES, 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

## RESEARCH TO GRASS ROOTS GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
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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
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#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
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
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

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
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

**ON FARM RESEARCH/PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>SARE Support</b>	<b>Project Leaders</b>
OW15-031	Seven Trees, Seven Practices: Demonstrating Agroforestry in the Western Pacific	\$47,899	Dr.L. Robert (Bob) Barber, Jr. University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service
OW14-026	Screening tomato varieties for suitability on Guam in response to the arrival of Tomato leaf curl Guam virus in the Western Region	\$49,500	Dr.Robert Schlub University of Guam
OW10-322	Local Feed Formulation for Goats	\$41,485	Dr.Manuel Duguies Cooperative Extension Service

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For further information on projects, contact Western SARE at (435) 797-2257 or [wsare@usu.edu](mailto:wsare@usu.edu).

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