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 $333 million to more than 7,802 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...

Idaho

Project Highlight: *High Tunnels Extend Local Food Production*

In 2010, Idaho’s farmers, researchers and educators launched a collaborative effort to achieve the goal of having 20 percent of the state’s food produced locally by 2020. At the same time, a survey of local food vendors revealed that the single largest roadblock to making this goal a reality is Idaho’s short growing season.

This prompted the University of Idaho’s Stephen Love to organize a team of horticulture specialists to expand farmers’ use of high tunnels in the state. Funded by a SARE grant, the team collaborated with three experienced high tunnel growers in different parts of the state to evaluate high tunnel designs and the profitability of growing various crops in them.

The experience at the three farms gave the team important information to share with growers around the state. On one farm, eggplants grown inside the tunnels were superior economically to ones grown outside, but for cucumbers the results were mixed. On another farm, there was a clear advantage to growing tomatoes, garlic and peppers in high tunnels. The third farm showed that medicinal crops otherwise unsuited to Idaho’s climate can be grown in high tunnels. It also evaluated structures specially designed by engineering students to withstand harsh winter conditions.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number OW13-043.

SARE in Idaho

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

$4,250,673 in total funding

69 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 69 grants

- 23 Research and Education
- 8 Professional Development Program
- 31 Farmer/Rancher
- 4 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 3 Graduate Student

Total funding: $4,250,673

- $3,202,871 Research and Education
- $551,098 Professional Development Program
- $264,787 Farmer/Rancher
- $151,960 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $79,957 Graduate Student

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/idaho

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/idaho to learn more.

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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.
Idaho has been awarded $4,250,673 grants to support 66 projects, including but not limited to, 20 research and/or education projects, 8 professional development projects and 31 producer-led projects. Idaho has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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| SW21-922 | Soil health and profitability implications of including brown mustard and its products in an integrated wireworm management system                                                                                                                   | $349,919     | Dr. Arash Rashed  
University of Idaho  
Dr. Jae Ryu  
University of Idaho  
Gordon Gallup  
Mark Greene  
Dr. Jeremy Hansen  
USDA-ARS  
Dr. Patrick Hatzenbuehler  
University of Idaho  
Hans Hayden  
Dr. Inna Popova  
University of Idaho  
Dr. Kurtis Schroeder  
University of Idaho  
Wayne Westberg  
BYU |
| SW18-015 | On-farm evaluation and demonstration of advanced manure solidliquid separation technologies for a sustainable dairy industry in Idaho                                                                                                             | $287,466     | Dr. Lide Chen  
University of Idaho |
| SW16-031 | Optimizing Water and Nitrogen Use for Sustainable Wheat Production                                                                                                                                             | $249,939     | Dr. Olga Walsh  
University of Idaho |
| SW11-122 | Incorporating Cover Crops and Green Manure in High-Desert Organic and Conventional Farming Systems                                                                                                             | $47,628      | Lauren Golden  
University of Idaho |
| SW06-039 | ‘Living on the Land’ Stewardship Education Program Expansion                                                                                                                                                  | $160,204     | Stephanie Etter  
University of Idaho Extension |
| SW06-083 | Black Soldier Fly Larvae as a Tool for Managing Animal Waste and Providing a Food Source for the Aquaculture Industry                                                                                          | $117,682     | Sophie St-Hilaire  
Idaho State University |
| SW05-039 | Using farmer-rancher input to develop and implement experiential educational opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers                                                                                      | $160,056     | Cinda Williams  
University of Idaho Extension |
| SW05-067 | Assessment and Demonstration of the Sustainability of Long vs. Short Potato Rotations                                                                                                                           | $179,403     | Bryan Hopkins  
University of Idaho |
| SW05-142 | Assessment and Demonstration of the Sustainability of Long vs. Short Potato Rotations                                                                                                                         | $135,756     | Amanda Shiffler  
University of Idaho  
Dr. Bryan Hopkins  
BYU |
### Integrated Residue Management Systems for Sustained Seed Yield of Kentucky Bluegrass Without Burning

**Project #:** SW03-021  
**SARE Support:** $294,243  
**Project Leaders:** Donald Thill  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### On-Farm Versus Agricultural Experiment Station Evaluation and Improvement of Intrinsic Characteristics of Landrace Common Bean Cultivars for Sustainable Farming Systems in the Twenty-First Century

**Project #:** SW02-038  
**SARE Support:** $167,717  
**Project Leaders:** Shree Singh  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Promoting Sustainable Potato Cropping Systems

**Project #:** SW02-037  
**SARE Support:** $158,477  
**Project Leaders:** Bryan Hopkins  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Reducing Nitrogen and Phosphorus Excretions from Dairies in Gooding and Jerome Counties, Idaho

**Project #:** SW02-004  
**SARE Support:** $145,672  
**Project Leaders:** Alexander Hristov  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Exploration and Implementation of Sustainable Ag Practices and Outreach on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation for the Protection of Groundwater

**Project #:** SW00-042  
**SARE Support:** $103,913  
**Project Leaders:** Jennifer Miller  
**Affiliation:** John Helsel  
**NCAP**  
**Shoshone-Bannock Tribes**

### Management, Impact and Economics of Beef Cattle Grazing in Mountain Riparian Ecosystems

**Project #:** SW97-010  
**SARE Support:** $105,400  
**Project Leaders:** Patrick A. Momont  
**Affiliation:** Univ. of ID, Dept. of Animal & Vet. Sci.

### Brassica Green Manure Systems for Weed, Nematode, and Disease Control in Potatoes

**Project #:** SW95-021  
**SARE Support:** $112,580  
**Project Leaders:** Charlotte Eberlein  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### An Economic Evaluation of the MSU Crop Rotations On-Farm Research, Demonstration Legume, Cereal Rotations Compared with Conventional Rotations

**Project #:** LWD91-002  
**SARE Support:** $23,675  
**Project Leaders:** Edgar Michalson  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Development of Sustainable Potato Production Systems for the Pacific North West

**Project #:** LW91-029  
**SARE Support:** $330,000  
**Project Leaders:** Jeffrey C. Stark  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Development of Winter Wheat Cover Crop Systems for Weed Control in Potatoes

**Project #:** LW91-027  
**SARE Support:** $42,141  
**Project Leaders:** Charlotte Eberlein  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Total Resource Budgeting of LISA (SARE) Farm Enterprises

**Project #:** LW89-015  
**SARE Support:** $31,000  
**Project Leaders:** Paul Patterson  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho

### Professional Development Program Grants

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| EW18-018     | Supporting outcome-based management on private & public rangelands: training agricultural professionals on monitoring techniques | $72,519      | Dr. Jason Karl  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho |
| EW18-028     | Idaho Qualitative Soil Health Initiative and Training                         | $15,724      | Jessica Harrold  
Ada Soil & Water Conservation District  
Josie Erskine  
Ada Soil & Water Conservation District |
| EW05-012     | Forage and Pasture Educational Program for Extension, FSA, and NRCS in the Pacific Northwest | $90,000      | Glenn Shewmaker  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho |
| EW04-014     | Building Knowledge of Sustainable Rangeland Management Using Information Technology | $91,847      | Karen Launchbaugh  
**Affiliation:** University of Idaho |
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<td>Saving Water and Improving Soil Health Through LESA, Cover Crops, No-Till, and Management Intensive Grazing</td>
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<td>A Rangeland Stock Handling Concept: Inherding on the Hat Creek Grazing Allotment, Ellis Idaho</td>
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<td>Glenn Elzinga, Alderspring Ranch</td>
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<td>FW08-322</td>
<td>A Multi-Faceted Approach to Managing Powdery Mildew on Organic Table Grapes in Southwest Idaho</td>
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<td>Ariel Agenbroad, University of Idaho Extension</td>
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<td>IBC Technical Services to Farmer’s/Ranchers for Online Markets in South Central Idaho</td>
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<td>Judy Hall, Idaho’s Bounty Co-op</td>
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<td>What Good Are Pasture-Raised Ducks to Whole Farm Systems?</td>
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<td>Farmers Educating Farmers: Developing a Soil Quality Indicator Guide</td>
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<td>$4,625</td>
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<td>Low Stress Stockmanship School for Lemhi County, ID</td>
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| GW21-222   | Trap Crops and Crop Rotation for Eradication of the Pale Cyst Nematode in Idaho | $29,966      | Louise-Marie Dandurand  
University of Idaho  
Paige Hickman  
University of Idaho |
| GW20-217   | The effects of cover crops on soil arthropod communities in the Inland Pacific Northwest | $24,993      | Dr. Sanford Eigenbrode  
University of Idaho  
Dane Elmquist (PI:Eigenbrode)  
University of Idaho |
| GW20-206   | Evaluating the effectiveness of mustard species and their concentrated extracts in reducing losses to wireworms in the Pacific Northwest, USA | $24,998      | Dr. Arash Rashed  
University of Idaho  
Reed Findlay  
University of Idaho  
Atoosa Nikoukar/ PI Rashed  
University of Idaho |

**ON FARM RESEARCH/PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

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| OW15-032   | Madison County Healthy Soil Initiative                                        | $50,000      | Robbie Taylor  
Madison SWCD |
| OW13-043   | Extension of Local Food Production in Idaho Using High Tunnel Technology       | $49,999      | Dr. Stephen Love  
University of Idaho |
| OW13-017B  | Reference strips and precision sensors for increased nitrogen use efficiency in wheat production | $1,961      | Dr. Olga Walsh  
University of Idaho |
| OW10-301   | Using Aquaponics with Renewable Energy Resources to Create Sustainable Food Systems while Reducing Nutrient, Energy, and Water Costs | $50,000      | Matt Johnson  
Sustain Pro Management  
Harry Ako  
University of Hawaii |

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