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 $404 million to more than 8,776 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/state-profiles/idaho/

$2,428,717 in total funding

19 grant project
(since 1988)

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

Grants awarded 2019–2024

Total awards: **19 grants**

- 3 Farmer/Rancher
- 6 Research and Education
- 3 Professional Development Program
- 1 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 6 Graduate Student

Total funding: **$2,428,717**

- $74,754 Farmer/Rancher
- $1,820,409 Research and Education
- $288,654 Professional Development Program
- $75,000 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $169,900 Graduate Student

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

Farmer and rancher impacts 2019–2024

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

- **3,320 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project**
- **311 farmers reported a change in knowledge, awareness, skills or attitude**
- **21 farmers changed a practice**

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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-profiles/idaho/ to learn more.

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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.
Idaho has been awarded $6,249,514 grants to support 81 projects, including but not limited to, 25 research and/or education projects, 11 professional development projects and 34 producer-led projects. Idaho has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS**

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University of Idaho  
Dr.Mireille Chahine  
University of Idaho  
Pedram Rezamand  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Bruce Richards  
Utah State University  
Amy Skibiel  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Hernan Tejeda  
University of Idaho |
| SW23-946   | Evaluating benefits of neonatal calf gut-originated probiotics, as direct-fed microbials (DFMs), during the weaning transition to improve calf health | $349,875     | Dr.Denise Konetchy, DVM  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Amin Ahmadzadeh, PhD  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Bruna Calvo Agustinho, PhD  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Lelu Guan, PhD  
University of Alberta  
Dr.Anne Laarman, PhD  
University of Alberta  
Pedram Rezamand  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Hernan Tejeda  
University of Idaho  
Dr.Joseph Dalton  
University of Idaho |
| SW23-944   | Seeds underhoof: can the soil seed bank facilitate restoration of sheep-grazed, cheatgrass-invaded rangelands? | $71,104      | Dr.Kelly Hopping  
Boise State University  
Kerry Byrne  
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Dr. Arash Rashed  
Dr. Erik Wenninger  
Dr. Jae Ryu  
Gordon Gallup  
Mark Greene  
Dr. Jeremy Hansen  
USDA-ARS  
Dr. Patrick Hatzenbuehler  
University of Idaho  
Hans Hayden  
Dr. Inna Popova  
University of Idaho  
Wayne Westberg |
| 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 |
| SW06-083     | 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 |
| SW06-039     | ‘Living on the Land’ Stewardship Education Program Expansion                 | $160,056 | Stephanie Etter  
University of Idaho Extension |
| 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 |
| SW05-067     | Assessment and Demonstration of the Sustainability of Long vs. Short Potato Rotations | $179,403 | Bryan Hopkins  
University of Idaho |
| SW05-039     | Using farmer-rancher input to develop and implement experiential educational opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers | $160,056 | Cinda Williams  
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University of Idaho  
Linda Schott  
University of Idaho |
| WPDP22-017 | Building Negotiation Knowledge and Skills for Enhanced Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Western Farm Businesses | $88,666      | Dr. Patrick Hatzenbuehler  
University of Idaho  
John Hewlett  
University of Wyoming, Department of Agricultural Economics  
Dr. Hernan Tejeda  
University of Idaho  
Joel Schumacher  
Montana State University |
| WPDP22-005 | Enhancing Integrated Pest Management Skills Through Pest Friends, an Educational Board Game | $99,990      | Jason Thomas  
University of Idaho Extension  
Minidoka County  
Grant Loomis  
University of Idaho Extension-Blaine County |
| EW18-018   | Supporting outcome-based management on private & public rangelands: training agricultural professionals on monitoring techniques | $72,519      | Dr. Jason Karl  
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  
University of Idaho |
| EW04-014   | Building Knowledge of Sustainable Rangeland Management Using Information Technology | $91,847      | Karen Launchbaugh  
University of Idaho |
| EW03-009   | Expanding Opportunities for Community-Based Educational Programs in Sustainable Small Acreage Farming and Ranching | $98,143      | Cinda Williams  
University of Idaho Extension |
| EW02-011   | Workshops on Soil Quality Assessment and Application for Field Staff         | $27,590      | Paula Jones  
USDA-NRCS, Three Rivers RC&D Council, Inc. |
| EW99-013   | A Community Based Approach to Extension In Organic Agriculture               | $10,000      | Mir M. Seyedbagheri  
University of Idaho, Elmore County Extension |
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Sweet Hollow Farm |
| FW22-407     | Building a holistic, biologically rich, healthy vineyard in order to produce a wine with higher nutrient density and superb flavor | $24,850      | Ron Bitner, Phd  
Bitner Vineyards |
| FW22-393     | Cardboard layering deep compost mulch for weed suppression, soil health, and profitability | $24,920      | Jonah Sloven  
Sweet Hollow Farm |
| FW17-039     | Saving Water and Improving Soil Health Through LESA, Cover Crops, No-Till, and Management Intensive Grazing | $20,000      | Pat Purdy  
Pat Purdy |
| FW17-055     | No-till potatoes into cover crop, using mod. conv. planter                    | $20,000      | Jeff Parkinson  
Jeff Parkinson |
| FW16-042     | A Rangeland Stock Handling Concept: Inherding on the Hat Creek Grazing Allotment, Ellis Idaho | $19,423      | Glenn Elzinga  
Alderspring Ranch |
| FW11-032     | Goat Meat is Great!                                                           | $7,799       | Evelyn Simon  
Simon Boers |
| FW10-039     | Pokey Creek Farm Elderberry Exploration                                        | $14,877      | Cinda Williams  
University of Idaho Extension  
Greg and Leah Sempel  
Ashley McFarland  
University of Idaho Extension |
| FW08-322     | A Multi-Faceted Approach to Managing Powdery Mildew on Organic Table Grapes in Southwest Idaho | $15,000      | Ariel Agenbroad  
University of Idaho Extension |
| FW08-318     | IBC Technical Services to Farmer’s/Ranchers for Online Markets in South Central Idaho | $29,997      | Judy Hall  
Idaho’s Bounty Co-op |
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FW97-024  Systems Thinking in a Range Environment  $5,000  Jay Black

FW97-044  Paradise Time Controlled Grazing  $5,000  Mark Pratt

FW97-049  Non-Irrigated Alfalfa Performance Trial, Benewah County, Idaho  $3,500  Christina Crawford

FW96-060  Economic Viability of Greenhouse Solarization  $2,450  Larry Higgins

FW95-046  Developing an Idaho-Based Marketing Cooperative for Sustainability and Locally Grown Produce  $4,622  Janie Burns

FW95-034  Row Spacing Effect on Weed Suppression  $530  Lee Griffiths

FW95-025  Biological Control in Idaho Alfalfa Seed Fields  $5,000  Larry Sorenson

GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

GW24-012  Evaluation of Biofumigants for Eradication of Globodera pallida in Idaho  $30,000  Louise-Marie Dandurand

GW23-250  Cereal Cover Crops for Weed Control in Organic and Conventional Dry Bean Production Systems  $30,000  Albert Adjesiwor

GW23-256  Nematicide Development from Solanum sisymbriifolium for Sustainable Eradication of Globodera pallida in Idaho  $29,943  Louise-Marie Dandurand
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

GW20-206  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

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

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