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 $389 million to more than 8,542 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, granteeproduced information products and other educational materials.

SARE in Montana

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

$9,853,640 in total funding

139 grant projects (since 1988)

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

Project Highlight: Improving the Benefits of Applied Nitrogen

Broadcast applications of urea are a common management practice for large-acreage, no-till, dryland winter wheat producers in Montana. But when urea is applied to the soil surface, a significant amount of nitrogen can be lost when it converts to ammonia gas and enters the atmosphere in a process known as volatilization. Farmers face economic losses due to reduced yield or crop quality from inadequate nitrogen fertility, and ammonia emissions contribute to environmental pollution and nitrogen enrichment of natural ecosystems.

With SARE funding to address the problem, Montana State soil scientist Richard Engel conducted on-farm trials over four seasons to identify soil and environmental conditions under which urea applications were most susceptible to ammonia loss, and to identify management practices to reduce those losses. Based on the findings, Engel’s team recommends against surface-applying fertilizer to frozen or wet ground, particularly during the over-winter period. Applying it during the spring following thaw resulted in lower ammonia volatilization loss. By following the team’s recommendations to fertilize in the spring and incorporate the fertilizer into the soil when possible, a majority of Montana’s wheat growers are reducing air pollution and saving about $5 million a year through reduced fertilizer loss and increased yields.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number SW10-050.
SARE Grants in Montana

Total awards: 139 grants
- 46 Research and Education
- 23 Professional Development Program
- 36 Farmer/Rancher
- 10 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 20 Graduate Student
- 4 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: $9,853,640
- $6,776,722 Research and Education
- $1,425,090 Professional Development Program
- $435,075 Farmer/Rancher
- $405,603 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $493,184 Graduate Student
- $317,966 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/montana

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/montana to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to 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 MONTANA
by USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program

Montana has been awarded $9,853,640 grants to support 138 projects, including but not limited to, 45 research and/or education projects, 23 professional development projects and 36 producer-led projects. Montana has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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| SW22-934  | Landowner Collaborative Strategies for Nonlethal Predator Control             | $349,951     | Dr. Jared Beaver  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Stewart Breck  
|           |                                                                            |              | Colorado State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Alex Few  
|           |                                                                            |              | Western Landowners Alliance  
|           |                                                                            |              | Kyran Kunkel  
|           |                                                                            |              | Western Landowners Alliance  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Julie Young  
|           |                                                                            |              | Utah State University |
| SW21-929  | Indigenous Food-Science-Ways: Integrating Indigenous knowledge with food    | $349,898     | Wan-Yuan Kuo  
|           | science research and education to support value-added Native foods          |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Eric Belasco  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Jane Boles  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Paul Gannon  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Paul Lachapelle  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Brent Peyton  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Brenda Richey  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Mattie Griswold  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Rebecca Richter  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University |
| SW21-930  | Intercropping chickpea with flax: An alternative sustainable way to manage   | $347,557     | Dr. Chengci Chen  
|           | Ascochyta blight of Chickpea                                               |              | Montana State University  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Frankie crutcher  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University-EARC  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. William Franck  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University-EARC  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Qasim Khan  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University-SARC  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Kevin McPhee  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University-EARC  
|           |                                                                            |              | Dr. Kent McVay  
|           |                                                                            |              | Montana State University-SARC  |
Developing an integrated management decision framework for cheatgrass control in the northeastern region of the sagebrush steppe

$349,315

Lisa Rew
Montana State University
Andrew and Hilary Andersen
J Bar L Ranch
Jim Berkey
The Nature Conservancy
Amber Burch
Beaverhead County Weed District
Daphne and Kevin Chester and Crowe
Double C Ranch Holdings
Kyle Cutting
US Fish, Wildlife Service
Eric and Stephanie Hansen
Hansen Livestock Company
Jeff Johnson
Johnson Ranch
Dr. Jane Mangold
Montana State University
Kara Maplethorpe
Beaverhead County Weed District
Allen and Yvonne Martinell
Lee Martinell Ranch
Dr. Bok Sowell
MSU-Animal & Range Sciences
Dr. Catherine Zabinski
Montana State University

Snowbanks to Grassbanks

$349,710

Dr. Bok Sowell
MSU-Animal & Range Sciences
Dr. Andrea Litt
Department of Ecology, Montana State University
Megan Van Emon
Montana State University

Soil acidity management of long-term no-till fields in Montana to prevent crop failure

$264,016

Dr. Richard Engel
Montana State University

The Impacts of Integrating Livestock into Cropping Systems on Soil Health and Crop Production

$249,502

Devon Ragen
Montana State University

Research and Demonstration of Minimum Tillage and Optimum Water Management in Sugarbeet Production in Eastern Montana

$247,410

Dr. Chengci Chen
Montana State University

Examining, Optimizing, and Building Capacity for Montana’s Local Beef to School Supply Chain

$220,021

Dr. Carmen Byker Shanks
Montana State University

Sustainable Cropping Systems for Dual-Purpose Biennial Canola

$256,397

Dr. Darrin Boss
Montana State University
Dr. Steve Fransen, PhD
Washington State University

Evaluating Native Perennial Flower Strips for Enhancing Native Bees and Pollination Services on Farmlands

$170,951

Laura Burkle
Montana State University

Landscape Collaborative Grazing and Greater Sage Grouse Survival

$339,552

Dr. Bok Sowell
MSU-Animal & Range Sciences

Low Glycemic Potatoes, a value-added crop for Montana

$154,000

Dr. David Sands
Montana State University

Degree Day Modeling and Economic Considerations of Insects and Weeds in Sheep Grazed Alfalfa, Grain, and Range Production Systems

$206,700

Dr. Hayes Goosey
Montana State University
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SW01-048 Using Crop Diversity in No-till and Organic Systems to Reduce Inputs and Increase Profits and Sustainability in the Northern Plains

SW00-015 An Alternative to Traditional Wheat Stubble Management Using Sheep to Control Pests and Improve Soil Nutrient Cycling

SW98-064 Selecting Cattle to Prevent Grazing Distribution Problems

SW97-056 Comparison of Pest Management Interactions in Spring Wheat-Cover Crop and Spring Wheat-Fallow Cropping Systems

SW96-019 Sustaining Agriculture and Community: Moving the Farm Improvement Club Program Beyond the Farm Gate

LW92-004 Sustainable Farming Quarterly

LWD92-004 The Sustainable Farming Quarterly (SFQ) A Regional Newsletter

LW91-023 Farm Improvement Club Network for Sustainable Agriculture

LW91-024 Specifying and Analyzing Whole-Ranch Systems for Sustainable Range Livestock Production in Environmentally Sensitive Areas

LW91-025 Practical Education in Sustainable Production Systems

LWD91-003 Regional Farm and Research Center Matching System-FARMS


LW89-014 Low-Input Legume/Cereal Rotations for the Northern Great Plains/Intermountain Region

LW89-016 Bio-Priming for the Control of Pythium Reemergence Damping-Off in Vegetable Crops

LW89-019 Livestock Health and Nutrition Alternatives: A Western States Conference
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Sustainable Agriculture Youth Education: Professional Dev. for Youth Program Leaders and Educators
$100,000
Jonda Crosby
Alternative Energy Resources Organization

Sustainable Noxious Weed Management on Northwestern Rangelands
$43,800
Roger Sheley
Montana State University

Agency Personnel Training in Riparian Monitoring and Management of Wildlife and Livestock in the Intermountain West
$98,000
Dr. Jim Knight
Extension Wildlife Specialist

Sustainable Agriculture Training Project A Model of Collaborative Learning
$31,450
Nancy Matheson
Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

Sustainable Agriculture Training Project: A Model of Collaborative Learning
$91,000
Nancy Matheson
Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)

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Alaska Ranch |
| FW22-398 | Establishing a Cool Season Legume Grass Finishing Pasture | $8,992 | Ronald Wade
Browns Meadow Farm |
| FW21-372 | Collaborative monitoring for ranch resilience and social-ecological sustainability in central Montana | $29,000 | Bill Milton
Milton Ranch |
| FW19-340 | Improving Winter Greens Production and Storage for Cold Climate Farmers | $19,990 | Katelyn Madden
MGVC |
| FW15-039 | Making the Most of Fine Fleece: Environmental, Economic, and Social Costs and Benefits of Alternative Strategies for Marketing Sheep Wool | $10,646 | Linda Poole
Prairie Shepherd |
| FW11-024 | Organic Control of Perennial Weeds with Vinegar and Biologicals | $20,790 | Jess Alger
Organic control of Perennial Weeds |
| FW10-042 | Marketing J Bar L Ranch Grassfed Beef to Members of Conservation Organizations | $13,000 | Bryan Ulring
J Bar L Ranches, LLC |
| FW09-305 | Composting Recommendations and Marketing Evaluation for Livestock Operations in Cold Semi-Arid Environments | $49,315 | Thomas Bass
Montana State University |
| FW08-016 | Can Producers in Five Montana Counties Successfully Use No-Till Methods for Renovation of Irrigated and Dryland Pastures? | $29,999 | Ron Carlstrom
MSU Extension- Gallatin County
George Reich |
<p>| FW08-023 | Pasture-Raised Heritage Turkeys in a Dryland Farming System | $6,413 | Jacob Cowgill |
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FW96-008  Legume Grazing in Rotation with Small Grains  $4,000  Jess Alger
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FW96-073  Evaluation of Grass Species for Improved Pasture Management  $4,800  Robert Lee

FW96-083  Vegetative Changes through Alternative Water Sources  $2,500  Dale Veseth

FW95-026  Carter-Fallon Forage Committee Range/Livestock Project  $4,943  Randy Tunby
          Carter-Fallon Forage Committee

FW95-078  Managing a Living Mulch System in an Intensive Organic Vegetable Cropping Operation to Enhance Weed, Nutrient, and Pest Management  $5,000  Helen Atthowe
          Biodesign Farm

FW95-093  Influencing Elk and Livestock Riparian Use  $4,750  Allen Carter

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GW20-205  Measuring intra-field variability in pea protein to understand influencing factors in Montana cropping systems  $25,000  Dr.Clain Jones  Montana State University  Dr.Perry Miller  Montana State University  Samuel Koeshall  Montana State University
GW19-190  Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Based on Site-Specific Maximized Profit and Minimized Pollution  $24,992  Dr.Stephanie Ewing  Montana State University  Bruce Maxwell  MSU  Paul Hegedus  Montana State University
GW19-197  Fostering resilient plant-soil interactions on working ranches in semi-arid steppe ecosystems of north-central and eastern Montana.  $24,988  Dr.Craig Carr  Montana State University  Dr.Stephanie Ewing  Montana State University  Dr.Christine Gobrogge  Montana State University Environmental Analytical Laboratory  Seth Newton  Bear Gulch Ranch  Jay "Butch" Ortner  Ortner Ranch  Danny Pratt  Natural Resources Conservation Services  Tiffany Salveson  Natural Resources Conservation Service  Timothy Seipel  Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, Montana State University  Joseph Capella  Montana State University
GW19-198  Precision Agriculture Applied to Organic Systems  $22,500  Bruce Maxwell  MSU  Royden Loewen  Montana State University
GW19-199  Effects of Habitat Heterogeneity on Crop Yield and Biodiversity  $24,972  Bruce Maxwell  MSU  Hannah Duff  1992
GW18-050  Montana Hardy Fruit Nutraceutical Quality  $17,765  Mac Burgess  Montana State University  Durc Setzer  Montana State University
GW18-179  Predicting overwinter nitrate-N changes at the subfield scale in leaching-susceptible, agricultural soils  $25,000  Dr.Clain Jones  Montana State University  Dr.Patrick Carr  Montana State University  Simon Fordyce  Montana State University Central Agricultural Research Center
GW18-151  Advancing Cover Crop Knowledge: Assessing the Role of Plant Diversity on Soil Change  $25,000  Dr.Perry Miller  Montana State University  Kristen Dagati  Montana State University
GW17-040  Sustainability of dormant season grazing: Does protein supplementation impact beef cattle performance, soil organic matter, vegetation, and residual cover for wildlife?  $24,970  Dr.Janice Bowman  Montana State University  Dr.Lance McNew  Montana State University  Samuel Wyffels  Montana State University
GW16-053 Cover Crop Grazing: Optimal Seasonality for Soil and Livestock Benefit $25,000 Dr. Perry Miller Montana State University Robert Walker MSU LRES

GW12-004 Multiple Forms of Uncertainty as a Barrier to the Adoption of Sustainable Farming Practices $24,830 Patrick Lawrence Montana State University

GW10-032 Investigating the Legume Green Fallow Alternative on North-Central Montana No-Till Operations $24,250 Dr. Perry Miller Montana State University Justin O’Dea Washington State University


GW06-026 Effects of Weed Communities in Conventional and Organic Agricultural Systems. $7,536 Bruce Maxwell MSU Fabian Menalled Dept. of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences Fred Pollnac Montana State University

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