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 $332 million to more than 7,748 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 in Montana

Project Highlight: Improving the Benefits of Applied Nitrogen

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

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SARE Grants in Montana

Total awards: 130 grants
- 45 Research and Education
- 21 Professional Development Program
- 36 Farmer/Rancher
- 9 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 16 Graduate Student
- 3 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: $9,023,616
- $6,426,771 Research and Education
- $1,225,264 Professional Development Program
- $427,219 Farmer/Rancher
- $349,613 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $373,767 Graduate Student
- $220,982 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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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.
Montana has been awarded $9,023,616 grants to support 129 projects, including but not limited to, 44 research and/or education projects, 21 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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| SW21-929   | Indigenous Food-Science-Ways: Integrating Indigenous knowledge with food science research and education to support value-added Native foods | $349,898     | Wan-Yuan Kuo  
            Montana State University  
            Rachel Andrews-Gould  
            Salish and Kootenai College  
            Eric Belasco  
            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 |
| SW21-930   | Intercropping chickpea with flax: An alternative sustainable way to manage Ascochyta blight of Chickpea | $347,557     | Dr. Chengci Chen  
            Montana State University  
            Dr. Frankie crutcher  
            Montana State University-EARC  
            Dr. William Franck  
            Montana State University-EARC  
            Dr. Qasim Khan  
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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. Cathy Zabinski  
Montana State University |
| SW19-907     | 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 |
| SW17-016     | Soil acidity management of long-term no-till fields in Montana to prevent crop failure | $264,016 | Dr. Richard Engel  
Montana State University |
| SW17-080     | The Impacts of Integrating Livestock into Cropping Systems on Soil Health and Crop Production | $249,502 | Devon Ragen  
Montana State University |
| SW16-051     | Research and Demonstration of Minimum Tillage and Optimum Water Management in Sugarbeet Production in Eastern Montana | $247,410 | Dr. Chengci Chen  
Montana State University |
| SW15-028     | Examining, Optimizing, and Building Capacity for Montana’s Local Beef to School Supply Chain | $220,021 | Dr. Carmen Byker Shanks  
Montana State University |
| SW14-014     | Sustainable Cropping Systems for Dual-Purpose Biennial Canola         | $256,397 | Dr. Darrin Boss  
Montana State University  
Dr. Steve Fransen, PhD  
Washington State University |
| SW13-043     | Evaluating Native Perennial Flower Strips for Enhancing Native Bees and Pollination Services on Farmlands | $170,951 | Laura Burkle  
Montana State University |
| SW13-056     | Landscape Collaborative Grazing and Greater Sage Grouse Survival     | $339,552 | Dr. Bok Sowell  
MSU-Animal & Range Sciences |
| SW12-108     | Low Glycemic Potatoes, a value-added crop for Montana                | $154,000 | Dr. David Sands  
Montana State University |
| SW11-086     | Degree Day Modeling and Economic Considerations of Insects and Weeds in Sheep Grazed Alfalfa, Grain, and Range Production Systems | $206,700 | Dr. Hayes Goosey  
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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

Influencing Elk and Livestock Riparian Use

$4,750
Allen Carter

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| GW21-218   | Integrating thistle rust into weed management of Canada thistle                | $30,000      | Timothy Seipel  
Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, Montana State University  
Dr.Jed Eberly  
Montana State University  
Fabian Menalled  
Dept. of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences  
Daniel Chichinsky  
Montana State University |
| GW20-204   | Restoring Disturbed Rangelands With Site-Specific Seeding                    | $25,000      | Lisa Rew  
Montana State University  
Colter Mumford  
Montana State University |
| 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.Chrisite 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
Duret 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
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

Dept. of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences
Ilai Keren
Montana State University

GW06-026  Effects of Weed Communities in Conventional and Organic Agricultural Systems. $7,536  Bruce Maxwell
MSU
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Montana State University |
| OW17-026  | Montana Food Economy Initiative | $50,000 | Lindsay Ganong
AERO |
| OW17-021  | Evaluating Nitrates and Forage Quality in Fall Regrowth of Annual Cereal Forages | $19,972 | Dr.Tracy Mosley
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