SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

Nevada

Project Highlight: *Gaining a Better Understanding of Ag Complexities on Reservations*

In the United States, more than one in three farms benefits from a range of direct payments by the federal government, according to USDA statistics. But when it comes to farms operated by American Indians, that figure plummets to nearly one in 10.

Missing out on these programs is one glaring example of how USDA professionals have long struggled to serve agricultural producers on American Indian reservations. And it is one reason why University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Educators Loretta Singletary and Staci Emm used a SARE grant to develop a broad-based curriculum that helps USDA service providers in four western states understand the unique needs and complexities of agriculture on reservations.

Reception to the 178-page teaching guide, called People of the Land, has been so positive that USDA agencies and state departments of agriculture in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have begun adopting it, and its authors have had to print a second run. To develop the curriculum, Emm and Singletary started by assessing the agricultural needs of American Indians on the 10 largest reservations in their four-state region, and by speaking with the agricultural professionals who serve them. Their work also earned them the 2011 National Extension Diversity Award.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number EW11-006.

SARE in Nevada

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

$1,209,926 in total funding

19 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 19 grants
- 4 Research and Education
- 8 Professional Development Program
- 5 Farmer/Rancher
- 2 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: $1,209,926
- $372,839 Research and Education
- $625,922 Professional Development Program
- $36,405 Farmer/Rancher
- $174,760 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/nevada

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/nevada 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.
Nevada has been awarded $1,209,926 grants to support 17 projects, including but not limited to, 2 research and/or education projects, 8 professional development projects and 5 producer-led projects. Nevada has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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<td>Nevada-Grown Melons: Enhancing production and adoption through novel management techniques</td>
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<td>Felipe Barrios Masias (University of Nevada, Reno) Heidi Kratsch (University of Nevada Cooperative Extension) Bindu Poudel-Ward (University of Arizona)</td>
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<td>SW02-030</td>
<td>Application of Parentage Testing by DNA on Western Ranges with Large Beef Herds</td>
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<td>Nevada Climate-Smart Agriculture Educational Program</td>
<td>$99,860</td>
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<td>WRGR22-005</td>
<td>Sustainable Agricultural Workshops for Land Managers</td>
<td>$74,900</td>
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<td>EW11-006</td>
<td>People of the Land II: Sustaining Agriculture on American Indian Lands in the Four-Corners Region</td>
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<td>EW08-019</td>
<td>Developing an Educational Program on Preventing Noxious Weed Invasion on Farms and Ranches in Nevada and Utah</td>
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<td>EW06-001</td>
<td>Living on the Land Curriculum Expansion and Instructor Trainings</td>
<td>$93,365</td>
<td>Susan Donaldson (University of Nevada Cooperative Extension)</td>
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Strengthening Sustainable Agriculture Programming with Native American Producers in the West

EW04-004 Developing a Handbook for Utilizing Livestock as a Tool in Noxious Weed Control in Nine Western States

EW99-003 Living on the Land: Teaching Small Acreage Owners to Conserve Their Natural Resources

EW95-008 Sustainable Integrated Range Livestock - Crop Production Systems

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Total funding from the USDA SARE program to Nevada
$1,209,926