

## 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 \$309 million to more than 7,407 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.



[www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

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

# New Mexico

### Project Highlight: *Hill-Climbing Cows May Benefit Ranchers*

Most would say that cows don't go up steep slopes, climb hills or travel far from water, but some just take off for the hills. As grazers, cattle provide ecological benefits to natural areas and help control invasive weeds, but overgrazing can damage riparian areas and can affect downstream water quality. A possible solution? Hill-climbing cattle, which could increase ranchers' stocking rates as much as 30 percent and improve the productivity of rangeland in the western United States.

New Mexico State University Range Science Professor Derek Bailey and his team of scientists across the West used SARE funding to look at the genetics of behavior—specifically to identify the genes linked to hill climbing—to develop an inexpensive screening test that allows ranchers to select stock with a genetic disposition to wander and climb. By tagging cattle on ranches with GPS collars, tracking their every move and drawing blood from the hill-climbers to identify genetic commonalities, Bailey's team collected and analyzed enough data to believe that an affordable screening test is possible and that the hill-climbing trait does not come with significant genetic downsides. More hill-climbing cows would allow ranchers across the West to use harder-to-reach areas for grazing and to thus better manage their rangeland.

For more information on these projects, see [sare.org/projects](http://sare.org/projects), and search for project number [SW15-015](http://sare.org/projects).

## SARE in New Mexico

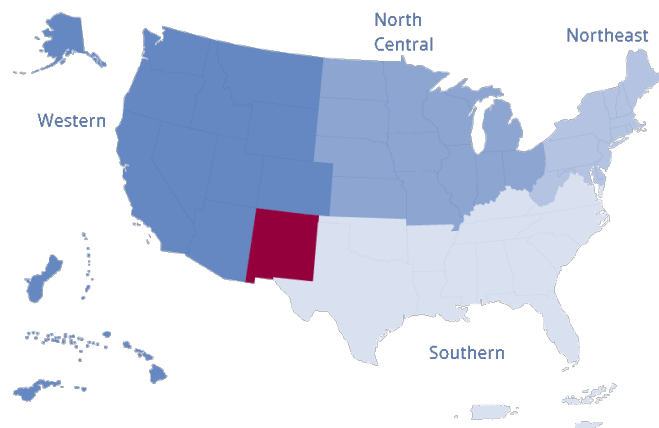
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**\$2,542,554**  
in total funding

**71 grant projects**

(since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [www.sare.org/state-summaries](http://www.sare.org/state-summaries)



# SARE Grants in New Mexico

Total awards: 71 grants



47 Farmer/Rancher  
4 On Farm  
Research/Partnership  
6 Professional Development Program  
14 Research and Education

Total funding: \$2,542,554



\$578,745 Farmer/Rancher  
\$174,524 On Farm  
Research/Partnership  
\$317,629 Professional Development Program  
\$1,471,656 Research and Education

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/new-mexico](http://western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/new-mexico)

## 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/new-mexico](http://western.sare.org/state-pages/new-mexico) 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.



# AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN NEW MEXICO

by USDA's  
**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program**

New Mexico has been awarded \$2,542,554 grants to support 69 projects, including but not limited to, 12 research and/or education projects, 6 professional development projects and 47 producer-led projects. New Mexico has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
SW18-059	On-Farm Investigations of Stale Seedbeds with Biofumigation for Improved Management of Weeds and Soil-Borne Diseases in Chile Pepper	\$131,461	Dr.Brian Schutte New Mexico State University
SW15-015	Implementation of Genetic Selection for Grazing Distribution to Make Cattle Grazing in the Western US More Sustainable	\$271,217	Dr.Derek Bailey New Mexico State University
SW09-041	Winter Production of Leafy Greens in the Southwestern USA using High Tunnels	\$193,879	Dr.Steven Guldán New Mexico State University
SW09-054	Enhancement of Sustainable Livestock Grazing through Selection and Training	\$229,527	Dr.Derek Bailey New Mexico State University
SW07-606	Extending the Grazing Season and Integrating Crops and Livestock to Sustain Small Farms and Ranches in the Southern Rockies	\$7,381	Dr.Steven Guldán New Mexico State University
SW04-144	Southwest Marketing Network: Expanding Markets for Small-Scale Alternative and Minority Farmers and Ranchers	\$124,817	Pamela Roy Farm to Table
SW02-053	Ganados del Valle Family Ranch Sustainability Program	\$70,000	Arlene Valdez Ganados Del Valle; Los Ojos, NM Melinda Salazar Ganados Del Valle; Los Ojos, NM
SW01-004	Field-to-Table Technical Outreach Package for Smaller-Scale Farmers & Ranchers in the Front range	\$48,500	Greg Shultz NewFarms
SW98-060	Acequia Conservation Management	\$49,272	Stephen Reichert Tierra y Montes Soil & Water Cons. District
SW96-027	The Production of New, Existing, and Native Crops Under Conventional and Organic Production Practices in Costilla, New Mexico, Garcia, Colorado, and at Taos Pueblo	\$100,000	Craig Mapel New Mexico Department of Agriculture
SW95-018	Extending the Grazing Season and Integrating Crops and Livestock to Sustain Small Farms and Ranches in the Southern Rockies	\$141,602	Dr.Steven Guldán New Mexico State University
LW93-033	Development of Sustainable Crop and Livestock Production Systems for Land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	\$104,000	Rex E. Kirksey New Mexico State University, Agricultural Science Center

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>SARE Support</b>	<b>Project Leaders</b>
EW15-011	Developing Digital Tools to Improve Soil Sampling and Analysis for Sustainable Agriculture in the Western U.S	\$59,356	Dr.Robert Flynn New Mexico State University
EW13-021	A Distance Learning Approach to Whole Farm Planning	\$60,400	Dr.Ann Adams Holistic Management International
EW08-016B	Professional Training for Developing a Hands-On Organic Weed Management Learning Center for Commercial Market Gardens in Local Communities	\$47,934	Beth LaShell Fort Lewis College
EW04-006	Increasing the Effectiveness of Field Agent Response to Producer Requests for Alternative Marketing Assistance	\$95,939	Teresa Mauerer NCAT
EW02-006	Here Forever Farm and Ranch Education	\$30,000	Jaime Castillo New Mexico State University
EW95-001	Educational Video on Watershed Management Practices for Pinyon-Juniper Ecosystems	\$24,000	Howard Shanks South Central Resource Cons

### FARMER/RANCHER GRANTS

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>SARE Support</b>	<b>Project Leaders</b>
FW20-363	Compost application on rangeland in the semi-arid southwest for increased soil C storage and forage production	\$19,981	Zachary Withers Polk's Folly Farm
FW19-357	The use of goat herding techniques to reduce the effects of predation while improving rangeland health in the high plains of New Mexico	\$20,000	Emily Cornell Spear J Ranch
FW18-028	Greenhouse Energy Storage & Transfer using Water	\$7,565	Kemper Barkhurst Bluefly Farms, LLC
FW18-023	Establishing and Maintaining Mite Resistant Nucleus Colonies for the Sustainable Apiary Using USDA Russian and VSH Queen Bees	\$16,980	John Gagne San Juan Apiaries
FW18-019	Provencio Soil Improvement Project	\$19,976	Ed Provencio Ed Provencio
FW16-028	Passive Solar Herb Drying Project	\$18,999	Dr.Tomas Enos El Milagro Herbs, Inc.
FW16-035	A Comparative Study of Shading Systems to Control the Beet Leafhopper and Reduce Beet Curly Top Virus in Heirloom Tomato Fields	\$19,909	Peter Sinanian TomatoCulture LLC
FW15-037	Aerated Compost Tea- Field Guide	\$14,560	Minor Morgan North Valley Organics
FW15-045	Lavender Intercropping and Soil Management	\$13,665	Kemper Barkhurst Bluefly Farms, LLC

FW13-122	Making Roller Crimping a Reality in the Southwest	\$9,155	Dale Rhoads Rhoads Farm Joran Viers New Mexico State University
FW12-039	Distilling Essential Oils from Southwest Medicinal Plants	\$15,000	Dr.Tomas Enos El Milagro Herbs, Inc.
FW12-096	The Rocky Mountain Survivor Queenbee Cooperative	\$25,000	Melanie Kirby Zia Queenbee Co. Julie McIntyre US Fish & Wildlife Service
FW11-005	Pollinator Forage Development	\$15,000	Heather Harrell For the Love of Bees Les Crowder For the Love of Bees
FW11-018	Cotton Gin By-Products (CGB)/Dairy Manure Composting for Desert Farming	\$13,336	Dr.Robert Woody
FW11-021	Trials and Informing Regional Farmers about Organic Weed Control Methods	\$13,163	Dale Rhoads Rhoads Farm
FW11-027	Testing Traditional Methods of Pest Mitigation	\$29,434	Joseph Alfaro Valle Encantado
FW11-030	Pepper (Capsicum annum) Cultivation, Conservation, and Soil Ecology in Low-Input and Certified Organic Agricultural Systems	\$19,585	Loretta Sandoval Owner
FW11-043	Assessment of the Economic Viability of High-Value Greenhouse Production	\$14,743	Margaret C Campos Comida de Campos
FW10-010	Operation of a Subsurface Drip Irrigation (SDI) system under National Organic Plan (NOP) Standards	\$14,560	Minor Morgan North Valley Organics
FW10-038	Restoring Conservation Reserve Program Land to Health and Productivity	\$13,112	Kelly Boney Outlaw Land Improvement Company, Inc
FW09-008	The Use of Two Mesilla Valley, NM Agricultural Byproducts to Create a Needed Organic Material Soil Amendment	\$14,750	Dr.Robert Woody
FW09-041	Camino de Paz Orchard & Berry Research & Education Program	\$15,000	Greg Nussbaum Camino de Paz Farm
FW09-047	La Placita Gardens Composting Research Project	\$15,000	Abino Garcia Mayordomo La Placita Gardens Andrea Botero LA PLAZITA INSTITUTE
FW09-049	Organic Weed Control in Perennial Navajo Tea Greenthread	\$15,000	Steve Heil
FW08-004	Manipulating Sandpaper Oak for Livestock and Wildlife Forage and Cover	\$15,000	Cheryl Goodloe Carrizon Valley Ranch Sid Goodloe Carrizon Valley Ranch
FW08-320	Small Acreage Farms Enlisting Organic and Good Agriculture Practices (SAFE O-GAPs),	\$29,750	Nancy Flores New Mexico State University Dr.Nancy Flores new mexico state university

FW07-032	Southwest Survivor Queenbee Project	\$15,000	Melanie Kirby Zia Queenbee Co.
FW06-321	Growing and Marketing Dye Plants as Alternative Crops	\$20,000	Charles Martin New Mexico State University Del Jiminez New Mexico State University
FW05-011	Solar Energy for Sustainable Year-round Production	\$9,683	Don Bustos Santa Cruz Farm
FW02-018	Desert Shrimp	\$12,000	R. Mack Bell
FW01-002	Northeast New Mexico Pecan Research	\$2,000	Lem Chesher USDA-ARS
FW01-014	Alternative Crops for the Costilla Valley in New Mexico Adoption, Application, Added Value of Product	\$10,000	Teresa Young NMSU Coop Ext
FW01-036	Regional Producer's Improvement Project for High Quality Eggs and Other Poultry Products	\$10,500	Steve Warshawer Beneficial Farm
FW00-099	Comparing Irrigation Methods for Organic Wheat Production	\$10,000	Lonnie Roybal Sangre de Cristo Growers Coop.
FW99-008	Passive Solar Greenhouse Construction and Growing Trial	\$5,000	Cathy Hope
FW99-044	Verification of Bat Predation of Pests on a 60,000 Acre Irrigated Farm	\$4,000	James Dangler
FW99-078	A Temporary Step to a Permanent Solution: Use of Strawbales to Construct a Wind Barrier and System of Terrace Planting Beds	\$1,760	Fatou Gueye
FW98-019	Using a Cultivable Catchment System to Establish a Dryland Commercial Truck Farm	\$2,700	John Leaf
FW98-030	Permanent Irrigated Pasture Demonstration Project Reducing Irrigation Water Use	\$3,100	Milford Denetclaw
FW98-032	The Sustainable Use of Cover Crops in an Annual Vegetable Production System in Northern New Mexico	\$4,289	Don Bustos Santa Cruz Farm
FW97-042	Value Added Wheat Production	\$3,500	Tom Seibel
FW97-057	Limiting Gopher Deprivation By Time-Control Livestock Grazing	\$3,500	Matt Schneberger
FW96-001	Increasing the Value of Irrigated Pastures	\$4,200	Darrell Baker
FW96-046	Test Plot Demonstration for Organically Produced Small Grains, Phase II	\$5,000	Lonnie Roybal Sangre de Cristo Growers Coop.

FW95-003	Test Plot Demonstration for Organically Produced Small Grains, Phase I	\$5,000	Lonnie Roybal Sangre de Cristo Growers Coop.
FW95-007	Municipal Sludge and Legumes as Soil Builders	\$4,290	Pete Tatschl
FW95-017	Gila Permitees Association Elk Study	\$5,000	Matt Schneberger

#### ON FARM RESEARCH/PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE Support	Project Leaders
OW20-353	Initiation of a New Mexico Participatory Vegetable Breeding Program	\$49,571	Dr. Bradley Tonnessen New Mexico State University Charles Havlik NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Los Lunas Stephanie Walker New Mexico State University
OW19-341	Evaluation of water and feed intake of purebred cattle in confinement and on arid rangelands, and its implications on selection principles	\$49,958	Dr. Marcy Ward New Mexico State University Dr. Craig Gifford New Mexico State University Dr. Samuel Smallidge New Mexico State University
OW18-034	Pairing Groundwater and Climate Data to Inform Sustainable Ranch Management in Uncertain Times	\$49,995	Amy Ganguli New Mexico State University
OW12-024	The Rocky Mountain Survivor Queenbee Cooperative	\$25,000	Melanie Kirby Zia Queenbee Co.

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