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, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.

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

Wyoming

Project Highlight: Growing and Marketing Ancient Grains in Wyoming

Markets for ancient grains such as spelt, emmer, and einkorn are growing due to their nutritional qualities and well-liked flavor. In addition, they are reported to require lower water and nutrient inputs than modern varieties. Caitlin Youngquist, Extension Educator at the University of Wyoming, considered that conducting research and working with farmers on these grains could help meet some of Wyoming’s agricultural challenges. According to Youngquist, challenges include low soil fertility and quality, saline and alkaline soils, arid conditions, high crop evapotranspiration demands, and isolation from markets.

Youngquist and her partners studied the nitrogen and water demands of the three grains; evaluated crop performance in various growing regions of the state; quantified costs and benefits associated with growing ancient grains in the state; assessed impacts of growing conditions on grain quality; and worked to develop local markets for cooking and baking. The research was conducted at three University of Wyoming research stations in addition to five on-farm trials. The team hosted numerous presentations, baking workshops, Facebook Live events, and field days. They sent product samples to six food bloggers. Several bulletins and fact sheets were developed for the public from this project.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number OW19-340.

SARE in Wyoming

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

$3,228,459 in total funding

59 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 59 grants
- 16 Research and Education
- 6 Professional Development Program
- 21 Farmer/Rancher
- 10 Graduate Student
- 5 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 1 Research to Grass Roots

Total funding: $3,228,459
- $1,927,576 Research and Education
- $425,624 Professional Development Program
- $248,856 Farmer/Rancher
- $297,082 Graduate Student
- $230,089 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $99,233 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/wyoming

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/wyoming 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.
Wyoming has been awarded $3,228,459 grants to support 58 projects, including but not limited to, 15 research and/or education projects, 6 professional development projects and 21 producer-led projects. Wyoming has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

**RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS**

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Daniel Adamson  
University of Wyoming |
| GW18-170  | Evaluation of Pulse Crops for Dryland Production                              | $25,000      | Dr.Carrie Eberle  
University of Wyoming  
Amberle Filley  
University of Wyoming |
| GW18-025  | The Critical Role of Soil Microbiota to Sustainable Agriculture; Quantifying short-term microbial and vegetation feedback to intensive grazing. | $24,184      | Linda Van Diepen  
University of Wyoming  
Emily Bean  
University of Wyoming, The Pennsylvania State University |
| GW17-059  | Cattle Diets and Performance: Enhancing What We Know with Advanced Plant DNA Technology | $24,970      | John Derek Scasta  
University of Wyoming  
Tamarah Plechaty  
University of Wyoming, Laramie & Unites States Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service, Cheyenne, WY |
| GW16-038  | Increasing sustainable agriculture through enhanced diagnostics with Brucella infection | $24,818      | Dr.Brant Schumaker, DVM, MPVM, PhD  
University of Wyoming  
Noah Hull, MPH  
University of Wyoming |
| GW16-068  | Conservation biological control of alfalfa weevil in Wyoming                   | $7,280       | Makenzie Benander  
University of Wyoming |
| GW15-020  | Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Irrigated Grass-Legume Mixtures  | $24,998      | Dr.Anowar Islam  
University of Wyoming  
Albert Adjesiow  
University of Wyoming |
| GW14-023  | Improving Feed Efficiency in Sheep Through Rumen Manipulation and Producer Adoption | $25,000      | Dr.Kristi Cammack  
University of Wyoming  
Dr.Melinda Ellison  
University of Idaho |
| GW11-007  | Impacts of age on residual feed intake and its effect on reproductive parameters and profitability in ewes | $24,990      | Dr.Kristi Cammack  
University of Wyoming  
Dr.Rebecca Cockrum  
Colorado State University |
| GW08-016  | Potential of Managing Iron and Zinc Deficiency in Dry Beans with Interplantings of Annual Ryegrass and Increased Bean Density | $18,928      | Andrew Kniss  
University of Wyoming  
Emmanuel Omondi  
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University of Wyoming  
Dr.Hannah Cunningham-Hollinger  
University of Wyoming  
Stewart Whit  
University of Wyoming |
| OW21-363  | Kernza® in Wyoming: Evaluating Perennial Grains to Revitalize Wyoming Dryland Agriculture | $74,804      | Linda Van Diepen  
University of Wyoming |
$49,991  
Daniel Cook  
USDA-ARS-Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory  
Clint Stonecipher  
US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service - Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory  
Ben Green  
USDA-ARS-Poisonous Plant Research Laboratory  
Eric Thacker  
Utah State University

**OW19-340**  Growing and Marketing Ancient Grains in Wyoming  
$49,995  
Dr. Caitlin Youngquist  
SnapLands

**OW10-313**  Residual Feed Intake - Producer Adoption and Genetic Selection Potential  
$47,292  
Dr. Kristi Cammack  
University of Wyoming

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