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 $360 million to more than 8,174 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: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

Wyoming

Project Highlight: A Better Way to Identify Livestock Disease

Despite measures that had successfully eradicated brucellosis in cattle and stopped its spread to humans, the deadly disease can still be found in elk and bison in the greater Yellowstone area. Over the past 10 years, the disease began spreading to local livestock, leading to expensive quarantines and economic losses to producers as they choose to, or are required to, euthanize cattle to undergo imperfect and time-consuming diagnostic testing. A positive result from the currently used test does not guarantee that the animal was in fact infected.

To reduce these burdens on ranchers, University of Wyoming graduate student Noah Hull worked to increase the ability to identify animals infected with brucellosis in the greater Yellowstone area by creating and validating a new molecular assay. As the project progressed, Hull found that this test was twice as effective as the traditional method at identifying animals that were truly infected. Perhaps more meaningfully to producers, the new testing procedure can be done on animals while still alive, which could lead to a reduction in culling. The turnaround time for results is much faster as well. To spread the word about his findings, Hull held four stakeholder meetings in the state that reached 120 participants.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number GW16-038.

SARE in Wyoming

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

$3,008,926 in total funding

55 grant projects (since 1988)

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

www.sare.org
SARE Grants in Wyoming

Total awards: 55 grants
- 16 Research and Education
- 6 Professional Development Program
- 19 Farmer/Rancher
- 10 Graduate Student
- 4 On Farm Research/Partnership

Total funding: $3,008,926
- $1,927,576 Research and Education
- $425,624 Professional Development Program
- $203,556 Farmer/Rancher
- $230,089 Graduate Student
- $222,082 On Farm Research/Partnership

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 $3,008,926 grants to support 54 projects, including but not limited to, 15 research and/or education projects, 6 professional development projects and 19 producer-led projects. Wyoming has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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<td>SW10-073</td>
<td>Prescribed Grazing to Sustain Livestock Production, Soil Quality, and Diversity in Rangeland Ecosystems</td>
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<td>Evaluation of Camelina sativa as an alternative seed crop and feedstock for biofuel and developing replacement heifers.</td>
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<td>Dr. Bret Hess&lt;br&gt;University of Wyoming</td>
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<td>SW05-117</td>
<td>Integrated Crop and Livestock Systems: Dryland Crop Rotations to Improve Economic and Ecological Sustainability in the Central High Plains</td>
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<td>Annual Legume-Based Systems for Sustainable Integrated Crop/Livestock Enterprise Diversification on the Central High Plains</td>
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<td>Economic Impacts of Undernutrition on Fetal Programming during Early Gestation in the Cow: Effects on Growth, Development and Carcass Characteristics of Steers and Reproductive Efficiency of Heifers</td>
<td>$23,014</td>
<td>Stephen Ford&lt;br&gt;University of Wyoming</td>
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<td>Annual Legumes in Fallow as an Integrated Crop/Livestock Alternative in the Central Great Plains.</td>
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<td>Integrating nemade-resistant crops into sugar beet rotations</td>
<td>$113,184</td>
<td>David Koch&lt;br&gt;University of Wyoming</td>
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<td>SW96-010</td>
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<td>John Hewlett&lt;br&gt;University of Wyoming, Department of Agricultural Economics</td>
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<td>SW96-029</td>
<td>Potential of a Corn/Annual Medic Intercropping System for Weed Control, Reduced Soil Erosion and Improved Forage Production</td>
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<td>$75,648</td>
<td>Cody Gifford, Scott Cotton</td>
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<td>EW10-012</td>
<td>Equipping Extension Educators to Address Producer Needs in Energy Education</td>
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<td>Sarah Hamlen, MSU Extension</td>
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<td>Ranch Sustainability Assessment: Economic, Ecological, &amp; Social Indicator Monitoring</td>
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<td>EW00-024</td>
<td>Sustaining Western Rural Landscapes, Lifestyles, and Livelihoods Through Agricultural Enterprise Diversification: A Collaborative Partnership</td>
<td>$80,880</td>
<td>Boyd Byelich, USDA-NRCS</td>
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<td>Extension Sustainable Agriculture Training in Colorado and Wyoming</td>
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<td>Enhancing Rural Agricultural Family and Community Development in Wyoming Through Sustainable Biofuel Crop Production</td>
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<td>Donn Randall, Wyoming Business Council</td>
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<td>FW08-307</td>
<td>Nitrogen Use Efficiency of Cool-Season Perennial Forage Grasses Planted With and Without Alfalfa Under Irrigation for Hay Production</td>
<td>$14,999</td>
<td>Dr. Blaine Horn, University of Wyoming</td>
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<td>FW08-303</td>
<td>Utilizing Soil Moisture and Microclimate Monitoring Technology to Reduce Water and Energy Needs and Improve Sugar Beet Crop Production for Producers in the Big Horn Basin Region of Wyoming</td>
<td>$29,923</td>
<td>Caryn Agee, Washakie County Conservation District</td>
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<td>FW06-021</td>
<td>Management of Iron Deficiency in Bean with Annual Ryegrass Interplantings</td>
<td>$9,505</td>
<td>Mike Ridenour</td>
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FW05-035  Brush Mower/Mixed Mountain Shrub Enhancement  $19,370  Myrtle and Clyde McColloch  JY Ranch

FW04-035  Tree Windbreak  $7,500  Betty Rodriguez

FW04-030  Progeny Evaluation to Determine an Economically Based Index for Sire Selection  $7,500  Sandra Snider

FW03-004  Wind and Water  $6,000  Betty Rodriguez

FW02-210  Platte County Farmer’s Market  $2,434  Susan Schamel

FW02-207  BOS Grass Grown Premium Beef Marketing  $7,495  James Millett

FW01-047  Prevention of High Altitude Disease Losses in Beef Cattle Utilizing PAP Test Scores, EPDs, and Gene-Mapping Techniques  $7,500  Jon Robinett  Diamond G. Cattle Co. LLC

FW00-278  Internet Marketing of Organically Grown Wyoming Gourmet Garlic  $3,930  Steve Shesler

FW00-093  Pastured Poultry Production with Research on Sustainability of Grazing Lands  $1,477  Joleen and Greg Marquardt

FW99-060  Improving Ranch Unit Stability and Sustainability through Grazing Irrigated Alfalfa  $3,500  Rick March

FW96-023  Tall Stature Grasses for Winter Grazing and Spring Calving  $2,800  Matt Weber

FW95-045  Integrated Management to Improve Rangeland Health and Reduce Noxious Weeds  $5,000  Ogden Driskell  Bearlodge Cattle Company

FW95-067  Initiation of Integrated Management  $5,000  Tom Bruce

FW95-076  Flitner Wetland Habitat Enhancement Project  $5,000  Mary & Stan Flitner

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| GW22-231 | Nitrogen Mineralization in High-Elevation Hay Meadow Soils for Improved Fertility Management | $29,921      | Dr. Jay Norton  
University of Wyoming  
Daniel Adamson  
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 |
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| GW18-170 | Evaluation of Pulse Crops for Dryland Production                              | $25,000      | Dr.Carrie Eberle University of Wyoming  
Amberle Filley University of Wyoming |
| 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 Adjesiwor 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 University of Wyoming - Dept 3354 |

**ON FARM RESEARCH/PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

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| OW20-355   | Does cattle selection matter? Testing larkspur-native vs larkspur-naïve cattle to reduce death losses on larkspur infested rangelands. | $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 University of Wyoming |
| OW10-313   | Residual Feed Intake – Producer Adoption and Genetic Selection Potential       | $47,292      | Dr.Kristi Cammack University of Wyoming |

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