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## **Helpful Hints for Reporting**

Applies to the following grants:

Professional Development Program

Research to Grassroots

Project reports are public documents shared with agricultural stakeholders. As such, reports reflect not only the quality of your project but also the quality and integrity of Western SARE programs.

## **How to Submit a Report:**

- All progress and final reports should be submitted through the Grant Management System (GMS). To access the SARE online reporting system, login at https://projects.sare.org
- For detailed instructions on submitting reports visit <a href="https://projects.sare.org/sare-reporting-systeminstructions/">https://projects.sare.org/sare-reporting-systeminstructions/</a> or click on the "Help" link at the top of any page after you've logged in.

## **Helpful Reporting Tips:**

- Ensure that report is well-organized, easy to follow, and informative.
- Avoid over generalization throughout, particularly for the project description and initiatives.
- Develop and administer program evaluation surveys or tools to accurately capture audience attendance and impact.
- If something did not go as planned, indicate that in the report as well as a revised plan.
- Include pictures or other attachments to enhance reader's understanding of the activities.
- If completing a progress report and the work hasn't been completed yet, describe the timeline and plan for implementing the objective.
- The Western SARE program must be credited as the funding source in any publications or outreach materials generated. Please refer to the Western SARE website <u>Guidelines for</u> <u>Acknowledging Funds</u> for complete guidelines and use of the Western SARE logo.

## **Report Sections:**

Section Name	Action Item
Project Overview	
This section is primarily used by the public and other stakeholders to filter projects by interest area.	
Please select accordingly.	
Benefits and Impacts	Choose selections as appropriate in each category:
	Economic Sustainability
	Environmental Sustainability
	Production and Production Efficiency
	Social Sustainability
Commodities	Select commodities (if applicable) that are a <b>primary</b> focus of your project
Practices	Select practices that are a <b>primary</b> focus of your project

Project Information	
Abstract	Information imported from proposal, update as project progresses
Project Objectives	Information imported from proposal, update as project progresses
Timeline	Information imported from proposal, update as project progresses
	Update timeline as needed to reflect status of accomplishments

Cooperators	
Cooperators	Information imported from proposal
	Update people and contact information as needed
	Cooperators are those people critical to implementation of the objectives

Education	
Educational approach	Provide a succinct synopsis of the educational approach (i.e. webinar
	recordings, workshop series, curriculum development) used in the
	project

Education & Outreach Initiatives		
Incorporate "P	Incorporate "Project Objectives" from the "Project Information" section as Initiatives.	
	Each objective should translate to an initiative.	
Topic	List objective in general terms	
Objective	Describe what this objective achieved (or will achieve if it hasn't occurred	
	yet). May be objective as written in proposal if applicable.	
Description	Describe the activities conducted (or will be conducted) to achieve the	
	objective. May include the number of activity participants.	
Outcomes and	Detail the outcomes and impacts of the specific activities; can include	
Impacts	short, intermediate, and long-term outcomes. May include pre- and	
	post-survey results of knowledge gained.	

Educational & Outreach	Educational & Outreach Activities	
Activities		
Enter or update the t	otal <u>numbers</u> of different types of educational resources created and the	
total numbers of diffe	erent types of activities conducted by the project team, to date.	
Selection options	Consultations	
	Curricula, factsheets, or educational tools	
	Journal articles	
	On-farm demonstrations	
	Online trainings	
	Published press articles, newsletters	
	Tours	
	Webinars, talks, and presentations	
	Workshop/field days	
	Other educational activities (describe if needed)	
Participants		
Enter or update the t	Enter or update the total <u>number</u> of agricultural professionals by affiliation (if known) who	
participated in all the activities summarized above. To the best of your ability, count each person		
only once, even if they participated in multiple activities.		
Selection options	Extension	
	NRCS	
	Researchers	

Nonprofit
Agency
Service Providers (other or unspecified)
Farmers/ranchers
Other Educational Activity Participants

Learning Outcomes		
Enter as a <u>number.</u> Th	Enter as a <u>number.</u> This information is best obtained by some type of program evaluation tool	
	Number of participants who gain or increase in knowledge, attitude, skills	
	and/or awareness about sustainable agriculture topics, practices,	
	strategies, approaches	
	How many ag professionals reported intention to use knowledge learned	
	through this project in their educational activities and services for	
	farmers?	

Project Outcomes	
Selection options	Number of grants received that built upon this project
	Number of new working collaborations
	Total <u>number</u> of agricultural service provider participants who used
	knowledge and skills learned through this project (or incorporated
	project materials) in their educational activities, services, information
	products and/or tools for farmers?
	Number of farmers reached through project participants' programs
	(optional)
Learning and action	Describe the overall outcomes of your project's activities (limit to 500
outcomes and impact	words)
Additional Outcomes	Use this narrative space to describe the outcomes noted above and/or
	any other unanticipated outcomes from the project. Update or add to
	the narrative, as needed, each year as the project progresses.
Success Stories	You may enter one or more individual stories, examples of success, or
	quotes from participants that illustrate the value of the project

Participants	
	Please provide contact information for 6-12 participants who participated in educational or research activities for post-project evaluation.  Participants are individuals who participate in or otherwise benefit from project educational or research activities. Do NOT include Project Coordinators, Project Cooperators or youth.  This information will not be viewable to the public.

Information Products	
	If you produced standalone books, bulletins, or other educational
	products, add them here. Products should contain acknowledgement
	of SARE's support. Graphs, illustrations and tables should be uploaded
	to the related section of the report.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Western SARE Professional Development Program team at <a href="mailto:wsare-pdp@sare.org">wsare-pdp@sare.org</a> or (307) 575-2416.