

## **SARE's 20th Anniversary Conference: The New American Farm: Advancing the frontier of sustainable agriculture**

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**SARE's 20th Anniversary New Voices Competition** ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#))

**Share your roadmap to a new, sustainable American agriculture  
Submit your vision in written, audio, or video formats  
Win free attendance to SARE's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New American Farm Conference**

What if you had just five minutes to share your vision and roadmap for a sustainable American agriculture with the audience of the national SARE Conference? SARE is proud to announce its New Voices contest, which will give one visionary the opportunity to do just that.

In support of SARE's mission to advance sustainable practices and innovations to the whole of American agriculture, SARE seeks written, audio, and or video submissions that articulate new perspectives and illustrate an inspirational and pioneering vision for the advancement of sustainable agriculture over the next 20 years.

Submission should address the entrant's vision of how truly sustainable production and marketing systems would improve profitability, stewardship of the land and water, and quality of life for farmers, ranchers and their communities. Practical strategies for evoking deeply held and/or broadly shared values to advance sustainable agriculture on a wider scale will be a key component of the successful entry.

The winner will be invited to present their entry at the closing plenary session of SARE's 20th Anniversary New American Farm conference, to be held March 25-27, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri. Top finalists will also be invited to participate in leadership sessions at the conference at SARE's expense.

### **Rules for Entry:**

Entries should be self contained and self explanatory and will be accepted in the following categories:

- Text: Essays, narratives, poems, or other text submissions of 700-1000 words should be submitted by mail or by email to [outreach@sare.org](mailto:outreach@sare.org) in a Microsoft Word or PDF document.
- Audio/Video: Audio or video submissions should be between 5 and 10 minutes and submitted on VHS, CD, or DVD media. All audio/video entries must be accompanied by a transcript and a signed copyright and subject-release form for all individuals portrayed. ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)). Digital files should be:
  - Windows Media Player compatible (see <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/316992>)
  - No larger than 100 MB
  - A minimum resolution of 720 by 480 pixels

**When is the deadline for entries?**

The deadline for entries is December 7th, 2007. Winners to be announced January 15th, 2008.

**Eligibility:**

The competition is open to all residents of the United States and U.S. protectorates except current or past paid SARE/SAN staff and state SARE coordinators. We particularly encourage submissions from emerging leaders, students, minorities, beginning farmers and ranchers and individuals new to the sustainable agriculture community.

**Who will judge the entries?**

The panel of judges will consist of sustainable agriculture educators, researchers, producers and advocates representing each of SARE's four regions. Entries will be judged for their capacity to engage the audience in an innovative and compelling vision for the future of sustainable agriculture.

**What happens with the winning entries?**

The winner and finalists will be announced January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Winning entries will be featured in conference publications and materials.

All submissions, both winning and non-winning, may also be published in all SARE print and electronic publications, including those of its national outreach arm, the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) and its regional and state programs.

**What are the rules for entry?**

1. Entries must be received by December 7, 2007.
2. Every entry must include a cover letter that includes the following:
  - your name
  - your e-mail address if applicable
  - your postal address
  - your telephone number
  - 100 words or less telling about yourself and how you represent a "New Voice" in sustainable agriculture.
3. Text submissions should be sent to [outreach@sare.org](mailto:outreach@sare.org) or by mail to New Voices Contest, USDA SARE, Bldg 046 BARC West, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. Audio/video submissions must sent by *mail only* to the address above, and should include six identical copies of each submission on separate CDs or DVDs, each clearly marked with the entrant's name. All audio/video entries must be accompanied by a transcript and a signed copyright and subject-release form for all individuals portrayed. ([Word](#)) ([PDF](#)).

Please be aware that submissions sent by mail will not be returned.

4. By entering the contest, you give the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program the right to use your entry with credit in any of its publications (and also those of SARE's national outreach arm, the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)).
5. We reserve the right to edit all submissions as we see fit.
6. Entries must be your own work.
7. Entries should not have won previous competitions, and should not have been published elsewhere.
8. No responsibility is accepted for ineligible entries or entries made fraudulently.
9. By entering this competition you are accepting these rules and agree to be bound by them.
10. Current or past paid SARE/SAN staff and state SARE coordinators cannot enter this contest.

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