



AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN MONTANA

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Montana has been awarded \$6,096,533 to support 97 projects, including but not limited to, 38 research and/or education projects, 16 professional development projects and 33 producer-led projects. Montana has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leaders
SW16-051	Research and Demonstration of Minimum Tillage and Optimum Water Management in Sugarbeet Production in Eastern Montana	\$247,410	Dr.Chengci Chen Montana State University
SW15-028	Examining, Optimizing, and Building Capacity for Montana's Local Beef to School Supply Chain	\$220,021	Dr.Carmen Byker Shanks Montana State University
SW14-014	Sustainable Cropping Systems for Dual-Purpose Biennial Canola	\$256,397	Dr.Roger Ondoua Montana State University
SW13-043	Evaluating Native Perennial Flower Strips for Enhancing Native Bees and Pollination Services on Farmlands	\$170,951	Laura Burkle Montana State University
SW13-056	Landscape Collaborative Grazing and Greater Sage Grouse Survival	\$339,552	Dr.Bok Sowell MSU- Animal & Range Sciences
SW12-108	Low Glycemic Potatoes, a value-added crop for Montana	\$154,000	Dr.David Sands Montana State Univ
SW11-086	Degree Day Modeling and Economic Considerations of Insects and Weeds in Sheep Grazed Alfalfa, Grain, and Range Production Systems	\$206,700	Dr.Hayes Goosey Montana State University
SW11-099	Using cover crop mixtures to improve soil health in low rainfall areas of the northern plains	\$354,405	Dr.Perry Miller Montana State University
SW10-050	Enhancing Cropping System Sustainability by Minimizing Ammonia-N Losses from Biological and Chemical Inputs	\$190,009	Dr.Richard Engel Montana State University

SW09-601	Infrastructure Support for Small Livestock Processing Facilities	\$46,796	Dr.Jane Boles Montana State University
SW09-068	Integrating Biological Control with Targeted Sheep Grazing to Suppress Spotted Knapweed	\$49,865	Rachel Frost Montana State University Jeff Mosley Montana State University
SW07-603	Developing a free on-line excel based enterprise budget decision support program to evaluate the incorporation of sheep into farm systems as an alternative to pesticide and mechanical methods of weed and insect control	\$10,000	Dr.Hayes Goosey Montana State University
SW07-013	Evaluation of Alfalfa Weevil (Coleoptera Curculionidae) Densities, Weed Abundance, and Regrowth Characteristics of Alfalfa Grazed by Sheep.	\$96,817	Dr.Hayes Goosey Montana State University
SW07-025	Grower-based selection of varieties and systems for wheat stem sawfly control	\$125,000	Dr.Luther Talbert Montana State University
SW07-028	Is Sulfur Cinquefoil a Candidate for Control with Sheep and Goats?	\$54,250	Jeff Mosley Montana State University Rachel Frost Montana State University
SW06-075	Does Timing of Defoliation Affect Spotted Knapweed Seed Viability and Germination?	\$62,600	Tracy Brewer Park County Extension - Montana State University Dr.Tracy Mosley Montana State University - Park County Extension
SW06-006	Survey and Economic Analysis of Montana Farms Utilizing Integrated Livestock-Cereal Grain (Ley Farming) Systems	\$91,500	Dr.Chengci Chen Montana State University
SW05-038	Developing Distance Learning Based on Perceptions and Knowledge of Producers and Agricultural Professionals	\$98,819	Fabian Menalled Dept. of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences
SW04-007	Methane Recovery from Small Dairy Operations	\$123,834	Ron Carlstrom MSU Extension- Gallatin County
SW03-056	Ecologically Based Integrated Weed Management to Restore Plant Diversity	\$121,750	James Jacobs Montana State University
SW03-063	Factors Affecting Alfalfa Stand Longevity in Montana	\$139,397	Dennis Cash Montana State University
SW02-005	Increasing Crop Water Use Efficiency in Advanced No-Till Systems	\$22,980	Dr.Perry Miller Montana State University
SW01-048	Using Crop Diversity in No-till and Organic Systems to Reduce Inputs and Increase Profits and Sustainability in the Northern Plains	\$157,888	Bruce Maxwell MSU

SW00-015	An Alternative to Traditional Wheat Stubble Management Using Sheep to Control Pests and Improve Soil Nutrient Cycling	\$166,147	Patrick Hatfield Department of Animal and Range Sciences Sue Blodgett Montana State University, Dept. Entomology Dr. Hayes Goosey Montana State University Duane Griffith Montana State University, Ag Econ and Ext Dept
SW98-064	Selecting Cattle to Prevent Grazing Distribution Problems	\$115,598	Derek Bailey Montana State University
SW97-056	Comparison of Pest Management Interactions in Spring Wheat-Cover Crop and Spring Wheat-Fallow Cropping Systems	\$150,964	Andrew W. Lenssen Montana State University
SW96-019	Sustaining Agriculture and Community: Moving the Farm Improvement Club Program Beyond the Farm Gate	\$124,425	Jonda Crosby Alternative Energy Resources Organization
LW92-004	Sustainable Farming Quarterly	\$17,500	Nancy Matheson Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
LWD92-004	The Sustainable Farming Quarterly (SFQ) A Regional Newsletter	\$17,500	Al Kurki Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
LW91-023	Farm Improvement Club Network for Sustainable Agriculture	\$69,000	Nancy Matheson Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
LW91-025	Practical Education in Sustainable Production Systems	\$14,250	Wade J. Crouch Montana State University
LWD91-003	Regional Farm and Research Center Matching System-FARMS	\$3,000	J. Jacobsen Montana State University
LW91-024	Specifying and Analyzing Whole-Ranch Systems for Sustainable Range Livestock Production in Environmentally Sensitive Areas	\$290,000	Jack Riesselman Montana State University
LW89-016	Bio-Priming for the Control of Pythium Reemergence Damping-Off in Vegetable Crops	\$14,984	Nancy W. Callan Montana State University
LW89-012	Cereal-Legume Cropping Systems: Nine Case Studies in the Dryland, Small Grains-Fallow Area of the Inland Northwest and High Plains	\$17,764	Nancy Matheson Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
LW89-019	Livestock Health and Nutrition Alternatives: A Western States Conference	\$5,000	Al Kurki Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
LW89-014	Low-Input Legume/Cereal Rotations for the Northern Great Plains/Intermountain Region	\$162,000	James R. Sims Montana State University

LW88-006	Soil-building Cropping Systems Conference-Legumes and Other Green Manures in Cropping Systems of The Northern Plains, Rockies and Intermountain Region	\$7,700	Robert Gillespie Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO)
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leaders
EW16-029	Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Mitigating Herbicide Resistance in the Northern Great Plains--Educational Tools for Agricultural Professionals	\$68,871	Prashant Jha
EW16-036	Catalyzing Increased Agricultural Sales through a Common Understanding of Montana's New Food Modernization Law	\$22,332	Janet Hess-Herbert AERO
EW15-009	Conservation and Augmentative Biological Control in the Northern Plains - Providing Tools for Agriculture Professionals	\$68,182	Dr.Gadi V.P. Reddy Montana State University
EW13-014	Enhancing the Exploring Energy Efficiency & Alternatives (E3A) Curriculum	\$42,277	Milton Geiger University of Wyoming Extension Dr.Glen Whipple University of Wyoming Extension
EW12-006	Montana State University Extension Range Management Institute	\$60,000	Dr.Tracy Mosley Montana State University - Park County Extension
EW12-004	Tour of sustainable Small Grain Production in Eastern Washington	\$7,350	Dan Picard MSU Extension-Pondera County Jesse Fulbright Montana State University
EW11-012	Wildlife Damage Control for Traditional and Organic Farmers	\$96,053	Dr.Jim Knight Extension Wildlife Specialist
EW01-016	Growing Our Own: Communities That Sustain Entrepreneurs	\$52,483	Richard Williams Montana State University Extension Service
EW01-007	Training Tour 2002-03-04	\$30,024	Jonda Crosby Alternative Energy Resources Organization
EW99-008	Developing a Sustainable and Organic Master Gardener Horticulture Production Manual	\$22,483	Helen Atthowe Missoula County Extension Service
EW99-015	Harvesting the Wealth: of AERO's Farm and Ranch Improvement Clubs	\$60,000	Jonda Crosby Alternative Energy Resources Organization
EW97-007	Sustainable Agriculture Youth Education: Professional Dev. for Youth Program Leaders and Educators	\$100,000	Jonda Crosby Alternative Energy Resources Organization
EW95-003	Agency Personnel Training in Riparian Monitoring and Management of Wildlife and Livestock in the Intermountain West	\$98,000	Dr.Jim Knight Extension Wildlife Specialist
EW95-012	Sustainable Agriculture Training Project A Model of Collaborative Learning	\$31,450	Nancy Matheson

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[EW95-002](#) Sustainable Noxious Weed Management on Northwestern Rangelands \$43,800 Roger L. Sheley
Montana State University

[EW94-006](#) Sustainable Agriculture Training Project: A Model of Collaborative Learning \$91,000 Nancy Matheson
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FARMER/RANCHER GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leaders
FW15-039	Making the Most of Fine Fleece: Environmental, Economic, and Social Costs and Benefits of Alternative Strategies for Marketing Sheep Wool	\$10,646	Linda Poole Prairie Shepherd
FW11-024	Organic Control of Perennial Weeds with Vinegar and Biologicals	\$20,790	Jess Alger Organic control of Perennial Weeds
FW10-042	Marketing J Bar L Ranch Grassfed Beef to Members of Conservation Organizations	\$13,000	Bryan Ullring J Bar L Ranches, LLC
FW09-305	Composting Recommendations and Marketing Evaluation for Livestock Operations in Cold Semi-Arid Environments	\$49,315	Thomas Bass Montana State University
FW08-016	Can Producers in Five Montana Counties Successfully Use No-Till Methods for Renovation of Irrigated and Dryland Pastures?	\$29,999	Ron Carlstrom MSU Extension- Gallatin County George Reich
FW08-034	High-Nutrition Drought-Tolerant Corn	\$30,000	Dave Christensen
FW08-023	Pasture-Raised Heritage Turkeys in a Dryland Farming System	\$6,413	Jacob Cowgill
FW08-317	Sustainable Food and Bioenergy Systems: Student Internships Development Plan	\$29,983	Dr. William Dyer Montana State University
FW06-025	Agroecosystem Approach to Managing Imported Cabbage Worm (<i>Peris rapae</i>)	\$6,356	Helen Atthowe Biodesign Farm
FW05-305	Demonstration of Leafy Spurge Management Using Sheep Grazing in a Leafy Spurge Barrier Zone	\$9,960	Sharla Sackman Montana State University Extension Service
FW05-012	Forage Winter Wheat Production for Grazing or Hay Production in Eight Montana Counties	\$19,795	George Reich
FW05-301	Protecting High Quality Rangelands in Garfield County from Invasive Weed Spread	\$20,000	Eric Miller Montana State University
FW04-018	Forage Winter Wheat Production for Jay	\$5,370	George Reich

or Grain in Gallatin County, Montana

FW04-313	Preserving Farms and Ranches	\$5,000	Robert "Rob" Johnson Montana State University
FW02-036	Sheep and Cattle Grazing Complementarity Project	\$5,055	Randall Tunby
FW01-085	Biological and Mechanical Control of Perennial Weeds in North-Central Montana	\$6,387	Robert Quinn Montana State University
FW01-032	Biological Weed Control: Education and Implementation	\$7,500	Noah Poritz
FW00-282	Better Board of Trade.Com	\$8,054	David Oien
FW00-017	Establishing a Sustainable Program for Recycling and Propagation of Quality Flower Bulbs in a Wholesale Flower Production Operation	\$2,197	Laura Smith
FW00-314	Montana Amica Web Page	\$870	Rod Daniel
FW00-288	TEAM-Team Effort in Agricultural Marketing for the McAlpine Ranch	\$9,705	Clay McAlpine
FW00-260	Test Marketing Campaign to Conduct In- Store Lamb Cooking and Recipe Demonstration for Montana Natural Lamb Cooperative in the Billings, Montana Market Area	\$9,300	Gayle Ott
FW99-069	No-Till Wheat into Medic vs. Conventional Wheat	\$4,578	Jess Alger Organic control of Perennial Weeds
FW99-102	Range Monitoring in the Badlands Grazing District	\$10,000	Jack McCuin
FW98-035	Annual Forages for Dryland Rotations	\$1,540	Vern Pluhar
FW98-093	Cull Potato Composting	\$7,500	Steve McCullough
FW96-073	Evaluation of Grass Species for Improved Pasture Management	\$4,800	Robert Lee
FW96-007	Green Manure/Covercrop Combination Experiment	\$1,923.15	Rod Daniel

FW96-008	Legume Grazing in Rotation with Small Grains	\$4,000	Jess Alger Organic control of Perennial Weeds
FW96-083	Vegetative Changes through Alternative Water Sources	\$2,500	Dale Veseth
FW95-026	Carter-Fallon Forage Committee Range/Livestock Project	\$4,943	Randy Tunby Carter-Fallon Forage Committee
FW95-093	Influencing Elk and Livestock Riparian Use	\$4,750	Allen Carter
FW95-078	Managing a Living Mulch System in an Intensive Organic Vegetable Cropping Operation to Enhance Weed, Nutrient, and Pest Management	\$5,000	Helen Atthowe Biodesign Farm

GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leaders
GW16-053	Cover Crop Grazing: Optimal Seasonality for Soil and Livestock Benefit	\$25,000	Dr.Perry Miller Montana State University Robert Walker MSU LRES
GW12-004	Multiple Forms of Uncertainty as a Barrier to the Adoption of Sustainable Farming Practices	\$24,830	Patrick Lawrence Montana State University
GW10-032	Investigating the Legume Green Fallow Alternative on North-Central Montana No-Till Operations	\$24,250	Dr.Perry Miller Montana State University Justin O'Dea Montana State University
GW09-012	Joint Management of Wheat Stem Sawfly, Fusarium Crown Rot, and Weeds: Assessing the Ecological Basis of a Total Systems Approach to Pest Management Strategies	\$21,964	Ilai Keren Montana State University
GW06-026	Effects of Weed Communities in Conventional and Organic Agricultural Systems.	\$7,536	Fred Pollnac Montana State University

ON-FARM RESEARCH/PARTNER GRANTS

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leaders
OW15-026	Are Feedlot-based Performance Cattle Limiting Ecological Services for Rangeland Ecosystems in Northern Mixed-grass prairies?	\$49,961	Dr.Emily Glunk Montana State University
OW13-144	Effects of Late-Season Water Lease on Forage Crops	\$24,950	Jodi Pauley Montana State University
OW13-017	Reference strips and precision sensors for increased nitrogen use efficiency in wheat production	\$49,907	Dr.Olga Walsh Montana State University
OW12-044	Best Management Practices for Livestock Protection Dogs	\$49,998	Jeff Mosley Montana State University

[OW11-326](#)Developing Community Based Oilseed
Industry in Montana

\$49,830

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