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**AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
**by USDA's**  
**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program**  
**1988-2011**

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Summary: Virgin Islands has received \$416,612 to support five projects, including but not limited to, three research and/or education projects, zero extension projects and zero producer-led projects. Virgin Islands also has received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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State sustainable agriculture extension coordinator(s): Carlos Robles, University of the Virgin Islands

| <b>Project #</b> | <b>Project Title</b>   | <b>SARE support</b> | <b>Project Leader</b> | <b>Organization</b>               |
|------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LS00-112         | Greenwater Tank Culture of Tilapia with the Effluent Used as a Source of Water and Nutrients for Terrestrial Crops                           | \$133,316.00        | John Martin           | Univ of the Virgin Islands        |
| LS99-107         | Ecological Sustainable and Economic Impact of Legume-based Pasture Systems for Limited-Resource Small Ruminant Farmers in the Virgin Islands | \$114,810.00        | Elide Valencia        | University of Virgin Islands, AES |
| LS96-075         | Developing Sustainable Crop Management Systems for Improving Production of Culinary Herbs in the Virgin Islands                              | \$143,529.00        | Manuel Palada         | University of the Virgin Islands  |

**Community Innovation**

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| CS07-053 | Youth and Agriculture: a Bridge to the Future (YABF) for From Tree to Table (FTT) | \$10,000.00 | Dale Browne | Virgin Islands Farmers Cooperative, Inc. |
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**On-Farm Grants**

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| OS11-062 | Promoting Tropical Cover Crop Mulch Systems for Minimum-Till Crop Production in the U.S. Virgin Islands | \$14,957.00 | Stuart Weiss | University of Virgin Island Agricultural Experiment Station |
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**Total funding from USDA SARE program to Virgin Islands = \$416,612**

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SARE is a national USDA program that provides competitive grants, educational materials and extension programs to develop and support approaches that enhance profits, protect the environment and improve rural quality of life.