

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 \$287 million to more than 7,000 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 the SARE Learning Center—a library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.



www.sare.org

SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in... Washington

Project Highlight: *Fostering Better, More Sustainable Forests*

Private timber lands in the Pacific Northwest are declining faster than in any other area of the country. The Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG) works with private landowners to promote a sustainable, environmentally sound economy in the region's forestlands.

NNRG received three SARE grants to provide education on forest conservation practices to professionals and producers. The first project trained more than 111 individuals involved in forestry about the value-added benefit of Forest Stewardship Council-certified products and market opportunities for such products. Twenty-six members became FSC-certified, representing 112,000 acres. NNRG then followed up with another training for 100 natural resources professionals to help them as-

sist landowners with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a USDA conservation program. More than 68 forest producers reported that they applied for EQIP funds. These producers used the funds to develop management plans and conduct conservation practices to enhance timber quality and overall productivity.

In their final project, NNRG partnered with EcoTrust to provide producers with tools and examples that would help them make decisions and consider active forest management. Through their outreach, eight farmers changed or adopted a practice with 25 farmers planning to change their practices.

For more information on these projects, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project numbers EW10-016, EW12-026 and OW14-003.

SARE in Washington

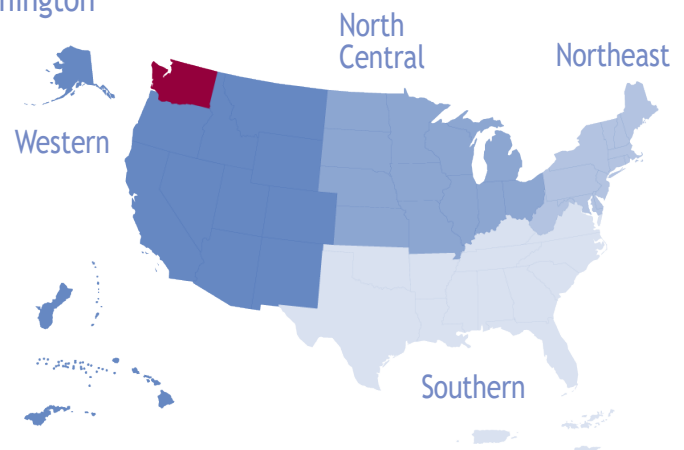
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\$9.1 million in total funding

173 grant projects

(since 1988)

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



SARE's four regional programs and outreach office work to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture.

SARE Grants in Washington

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10 On-Farm Research Grants

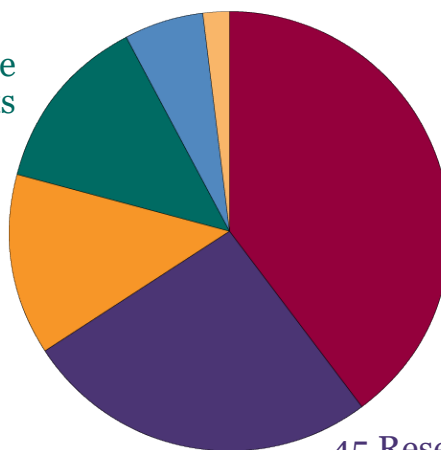
3 Research to Grass Roots Grants

23 Graduate Student Grants

23 Professional Development Grants

69 Farmer/Rancher Grants

45 Research & Education Grants



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.

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 www.westernsare.org/washington to learn more.

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