

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

Kansas

Project Highlight: *New farm family busily making an impact*

The eight-member Bauman family started farming in Garnett in 2001, and it did not take them long to become local leaders in sustainable agriculture. With nearly 400 acres certified organic or in transition, John and Yvonne started the first on-farm, state-certified poultry processing facility, developed a profitable multi-species pasture stacking technique, and their oldest daughter, Rosanna, has become active in farmer education.

The stacking system, developed with a 2005 SARE grant, involves versatile fencing, water sources and rotations so that cattle, chickens, sheep, ducks and turkeys can share pasture lands. The system improved animal weight, and led immediately to a 40 percent increase in wholesale sales and a 25 percent in-

crease in direct retail sales.

Because this system was more profitable and used less labor, the Baumans were able to open their meat processing facility, which employs three to six non-family members part time. The facility processes an estimated 15,000 birds per year, many from neighboring farms.

Rosanna, like the other Bauman children, has a passion for farming: She received a 2009 SARE grant, at the age of 20, to develop a young farmers network, began presenting on her family's work at local conferences, became a Kansas Rural Center farmer educator and revived the Garnett farmers market.

For more information on this project, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project numbers FNC05-572 and YENC09-017.

SARE in Kansas

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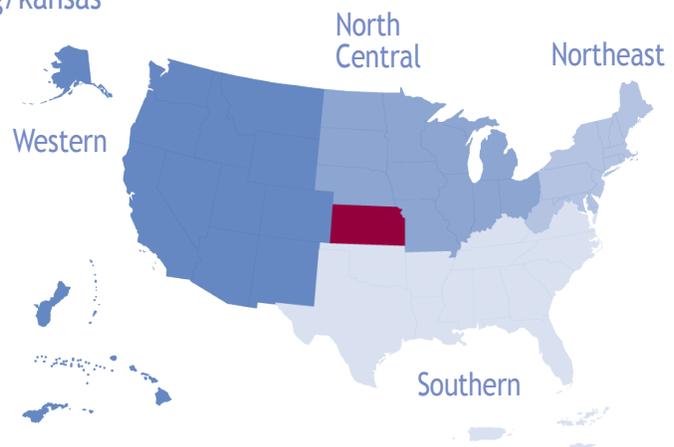
\$3.3 million in total funding

141 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.

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 \$245 million for more than 6,100 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.

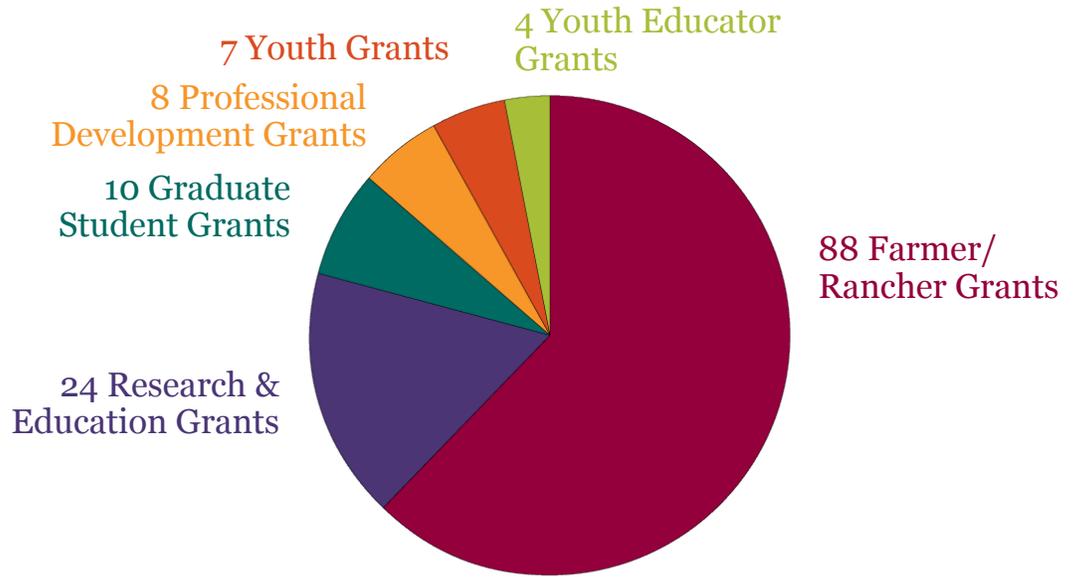


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SARE Grants in Kansas

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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.northcentralsare.org/kansas to learn more.

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