

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

New Hampshire

Project Highlight: *Training and Technical Assistance for Refugee Farmers*

Refugee farmers face a number of barriers to professional success, including lack of access to capital; poor or no credit upon arrival to the U.S.; lack of knowledge on how to buy or lease land; a need to develop a brand and expand markets; and affordability of insurance, annual inputs, organic certification and equipment/infrastructure.

The Organization for Refugee & Immigrant Success (ORIS) used its SARE grant to build off the successes of participants in its New American Sustainable Agriculture Project (NASAP), which assists refugees in New Hampshire in building sustainable farm enterprises that are consistent with their culture and lifestyle aspirations, and that strengthen regional sustainable food systems. Since 2011, 20 refugee farmers have developed farm businesses by accessing individual plots at a seven-

acre “incubator farm” site in Dunbarton, N.H.

The NASAP farmers wanted to take over management of the farm site that they had committed their time and resources into, so ORIS coordinated advanced trainings to prepare them for independent management, including one-on-one support. The training pushed the refugees forward in transitioning from the incubator to independent businesses, and ORIS began looking for a new site for its NASAP incubator program.

With ORIS’s help, nine farmers developed an independent cooperative, which is functioning as its own entity and establishing long-term land tenure, and thirteen farmers attended financial literacy training workshops.

For more information on this project, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project number ONE14-200.

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.



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SARE in New Hampshire

www.nesare.org/new-hampshire

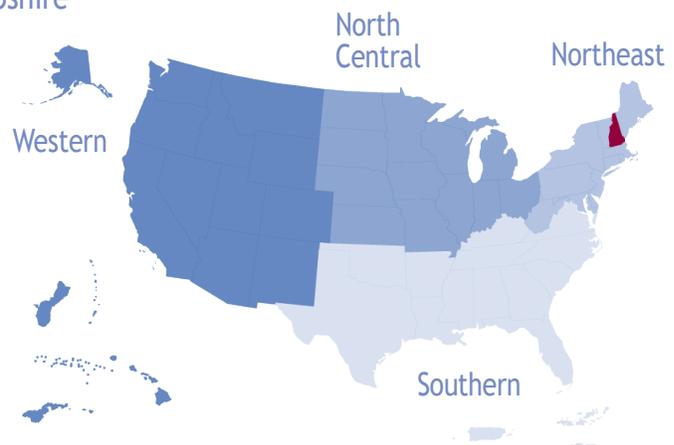
\$3.4 million in total funding

87 grant projects

(since 1988)

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to

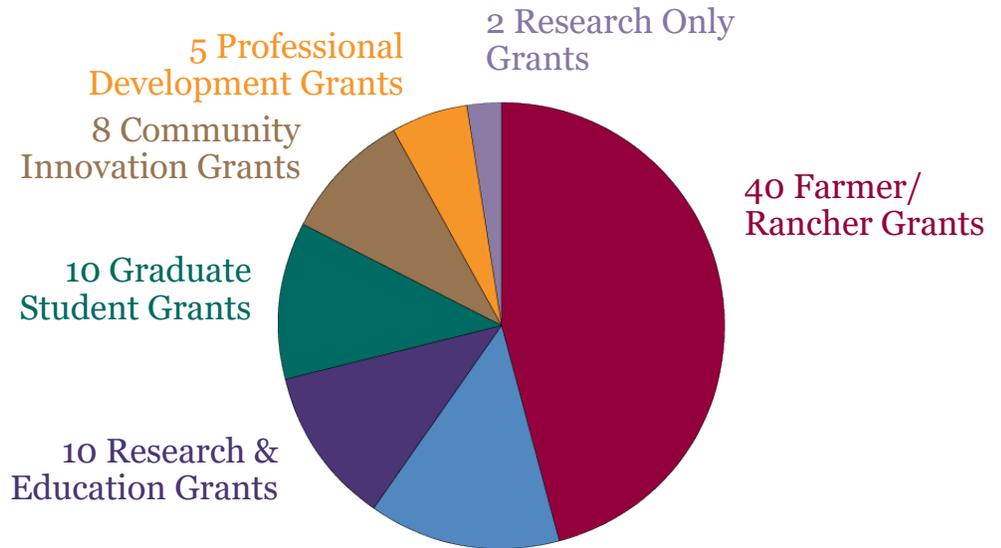
www.sare.org/state-summaries



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

SARE Grants in New Hampshire

SARE has awarded a total of **87 grants** in New Hampshire since 1988



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.nesare.org/new-hampshire to learn more.

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