

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

# Nevada

## 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 \$273 million to more than 6,800 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.



**Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education**

[www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)

## Project Highlight: *Gaining a Better Understanding of Ag Complexities on Reservations*

In the United States, more than one in three farms benefits from a range of direct payments by the federal government, according to USDA statistics. But when it comes to farms operated by American Indians, that figure plummets to nearly one in 10.

Missing out on these programs is one glaring example of how USDA professionals have long struggled to serve agricultural producers on American Indian reservations. And it is one reason why University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Educators Loretta Singletary and Staci Emm used a SARE grant to develop a broad-based curriculum that helps USDA service providers in four western states understand the unique needs and complexities of agriculture on reservations.

Reception to the 178-page teaching guide, called People of the Land, has been so positive that USDA agencies and state departments of agriculture in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have begun adopting it, and its authors have had to print a second run. To develop the curriculum, Emm and Singletary started by assessing the agricultural needs of American Indians on the 10 largest reservations in their four-state region, and by speaking with the agricultural professionals who serve them. Their work also earned them the 2011 National Extension Diversity Award.

For more information on this project, see [www.sare.org/projects](http://www.sare.org/projects), and search for project number EW11-006.

## SARE in Nevada

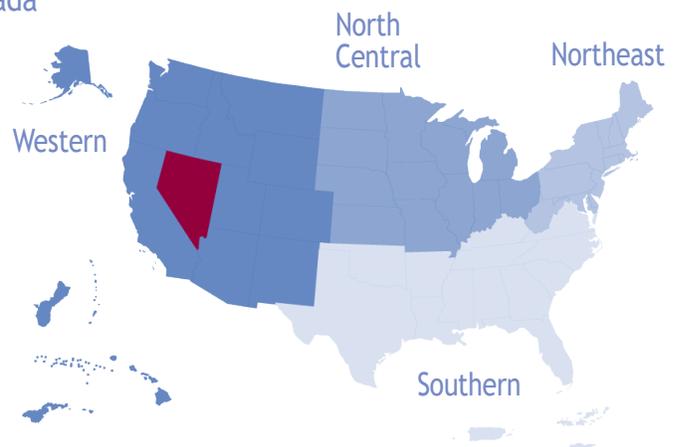
[www.westernsare.org/nevada](http://www.westernsare.org/nevada)

**\$685,341 in total funding**

**16 grant projects**

(since 1988)

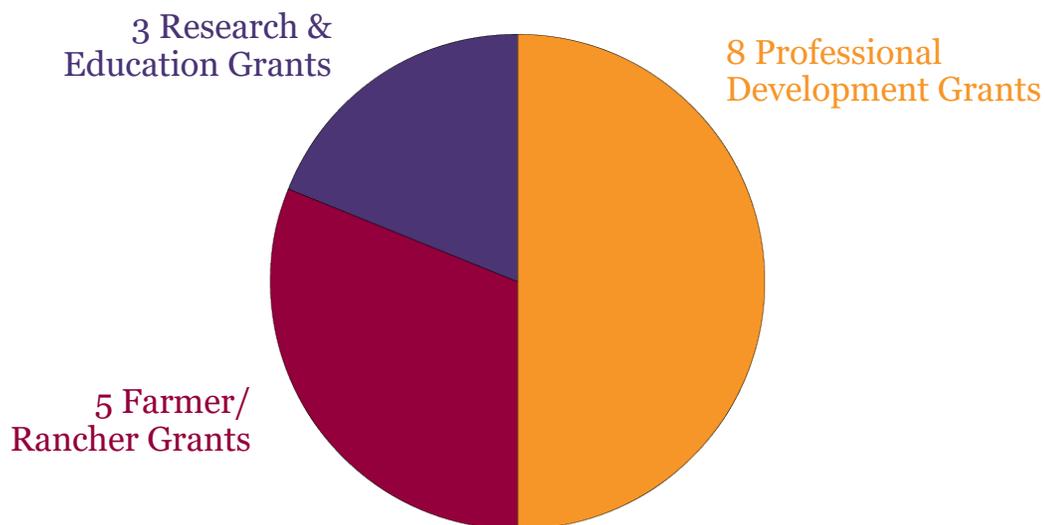
For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [www.sare.org/state-summaries](http://www.sare.org/state-summaries)



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

# SARE Grants in Nevada

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awarded a  
total of  
**16 grants**  
in Nevada  
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.westernsare.org/nevada](http://www.westernsare.org/nevada) to learn more.

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For detailed information on SARE projects, go to  
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