

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

Delaware

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

Project Highlight: *Training the Trainers on Cover Crop Practices*

Interest in cover crops is high due to their ability to improve soil health, reduce off-farm inputs and protect both the soil and water quality. In 2014, a national conference on soil health and cover crops co-hosted by SARE drew strong engagement from Northeastern farmers, educators and researchers. As a follow up to keep the momentum going and expand the use of cover crops in the Northeast, Extension professionals with a sustainable agriculture focus came together in 2015 to organize an in-depth train-the-trainer workshop.

The Northeast SARE Regional Cover Crops Training, hosted by Delaware State University, covered the latest research on the benefits and successful management of cover crops in grain, vegetable and animal production. The

planning committee included agricultural leaders from 13 states. Ninety-four participants were organized into 11 teams that integrated farmers, USDA-NRCS representatives, Extension professionals, academics and leaders from industry and nonprofits.

From this two-year project, 12 farmers adopted new cover crop species, planted new fields in cover crops, or used new establishment and termination techniques, with more reporting their intention to do so. Additionally, 71 service providers recommended cover crop practices to other farmers. Videos from the three-day conference are posted on the SARE website.

For more information on this project, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project number ENE15-141.

SARE in Delaware

www.nesare.org/delaware

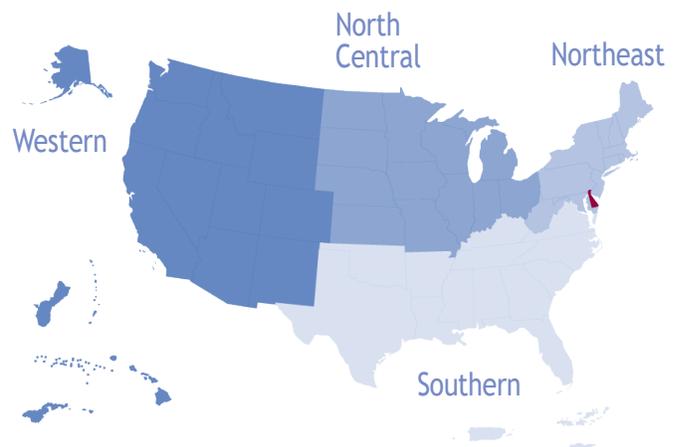
\$828,368 million
in total funding

23 grant
projects

(since 1988)

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

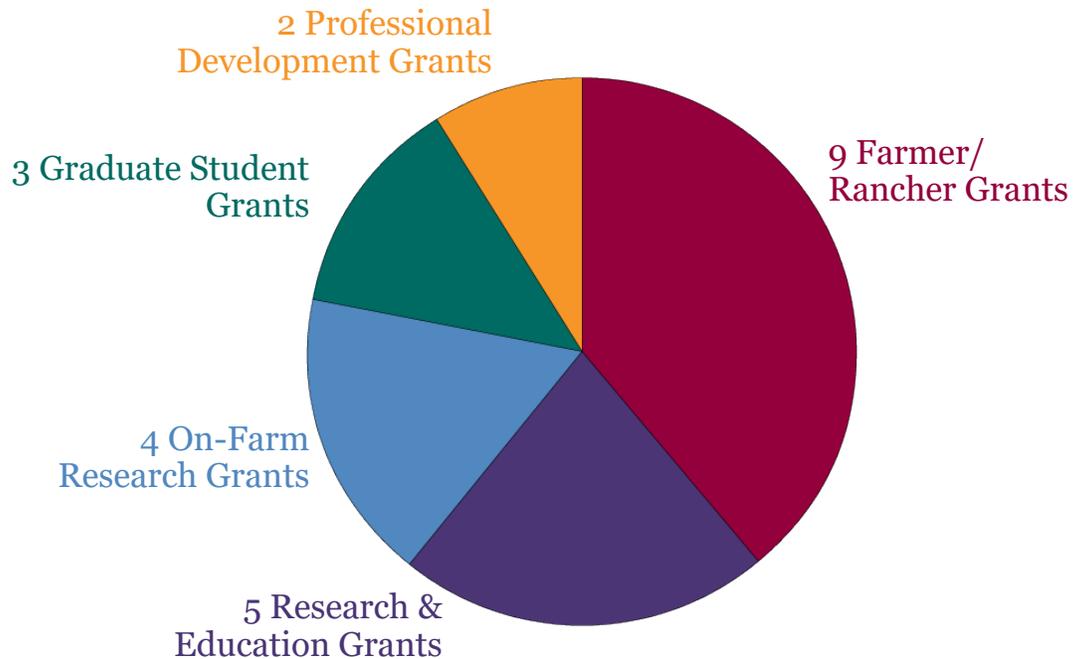
www.sare.org/state-summaries



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

SARE Grants in Delaware

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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.nesare.org/delaware to learn more.

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