

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

Nebraska

Project Highlight: *Preparing Great Plains Ranches for Drought*

Livestock producers throughout the North Central SARE region experienced severe drought between 2000 and 2007, and again between 2011 and 2013. With very few producers receiving drought technical assistance, a window opened for critical training on drought preparedness focused on long-term rangeland sustainability and resilience.

Equipped with a SARE grant and determined to get drought-resilience information into the hands of regional livestock producers, a team from the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) set out to develop and run five webinars that would teach ag professionals and ranch advisors the basics of drought planning and monitoring using tools, software and guides from

NDMC and other organizations. This “train-the-trainer” approach increased the technical support available to help rangeland managers mitigate and plan for drought in ways that enhance ecological, economic and social sustainability.

More than 225 individuals viewed at least one of the webinars live. Hundreds more have accessed the recordings and several ag professionals have used the webinar resources as teaching tools in their work. When the next drought hits, hundreds of professionals and producers will be prepared.

For more information on this project, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project number ENC11-126.

SARE in Nebraska

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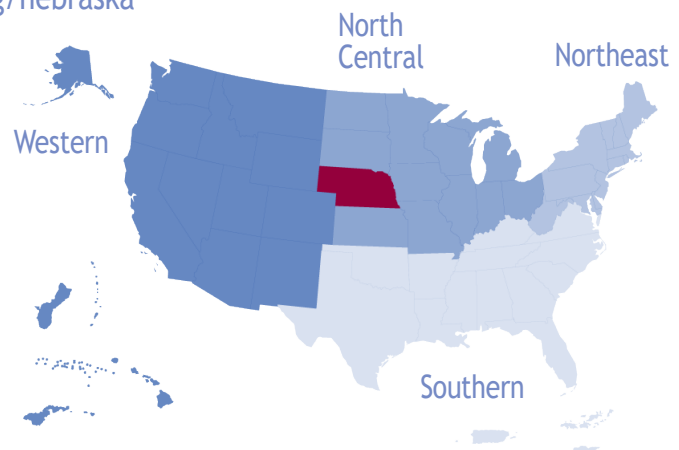
\$5.8 million in total funding

164 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 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

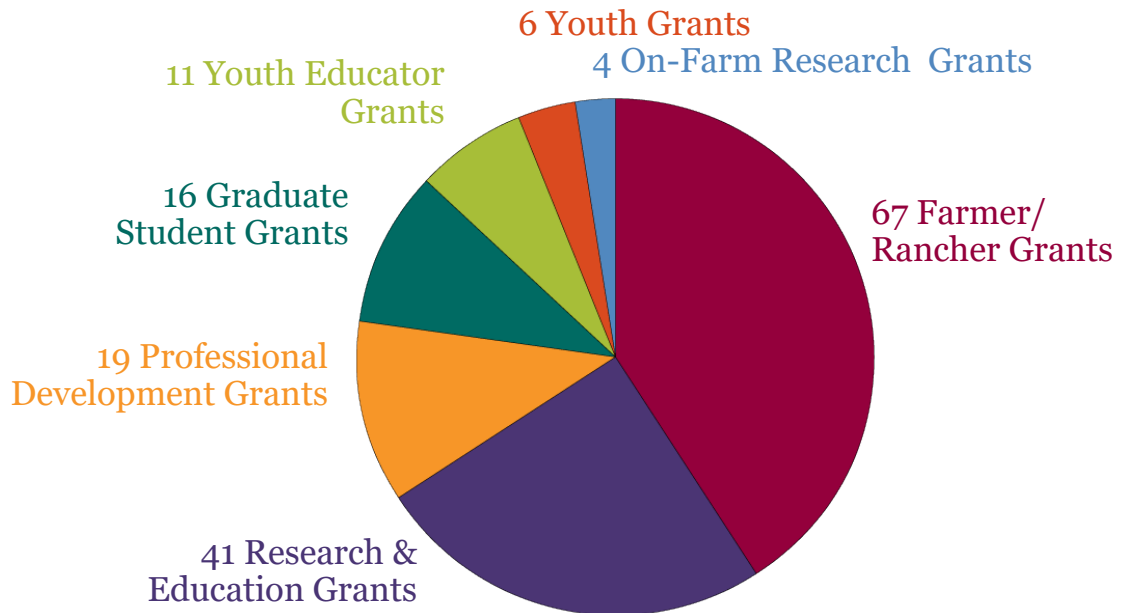
SARE shares project results by requiring grantees to conduct outreach and grower engagement; and by maintaining the SARE Learning Center—a library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.



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SARE Grants in Nebraska

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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/nebraska to learn more.

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