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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 Grants in Nebraska

SARE has awarded a total of 170 grants in Nebraska since 1988.

- 42 Research & Education Grants
- 69 Farmer/Rancher Grants
- 19 Professional Development Grants
- 16 Graduate Student Grants
- 11 Youth Educator Grants
- 6 Youth Grants
- 7 On-Farm Research Grants

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.northcentralssare.org/nebraska to learn more.

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