Graduate Student Grant Program

The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Graduate Student Grant Program supports projects by graduate students that address sustainable agriculture issues and are part of the student's degree program. NCR-SARE instituted the Graduate Student Grant Program in 2002 for officially registered graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.) enrolled at accredited colleges or universities. Projects must benefit agriculture in the North Central Region.

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Katherine Turo presents information about urban farms and their potential to influence urban pollinators as part of her SARE grant.

NCR-SARE's Graduate Student Grant Program is a competitive grant program to fund graduate student projects that address sustainable agriculture issues. A candidate may only receive one NCR-SARE Graduate Student award during her or his graduate student career. Generally:

- Graduate Student Grant awards can be up to $20,000.
- Projects may last up to 36 months.
- As many as 20 projects are funded each year.

Funded proposals have contributed to farmer or rancher profitability, environmental quality, and the enhancement of the quality of life of farmers or ranchers, communities, and society as a whole. NCR-SARE strongly encourages students to involve farmers and ranchers in their Graduate Student Grant Program projects.

NCR-SARE can provide grant applications, reports from other projects, lists of funded projects, or other sustainable agriculture information.

To receive more information about the NCR-SARE Graduate Student Grant Program proposal process and timeline, contact the NCR-SARE office. Follow the application process carefully. Visit the NCR-SARE website at: www.northcentral.sare.org or call 612-626-3113 for resources to help you write your proposal.

Marina Miquilini (left) at Ohio State University received SARE support to study the effects of flooding on greenhouse gas emissions from soils. Photo courtesy of Marina Miquilini.

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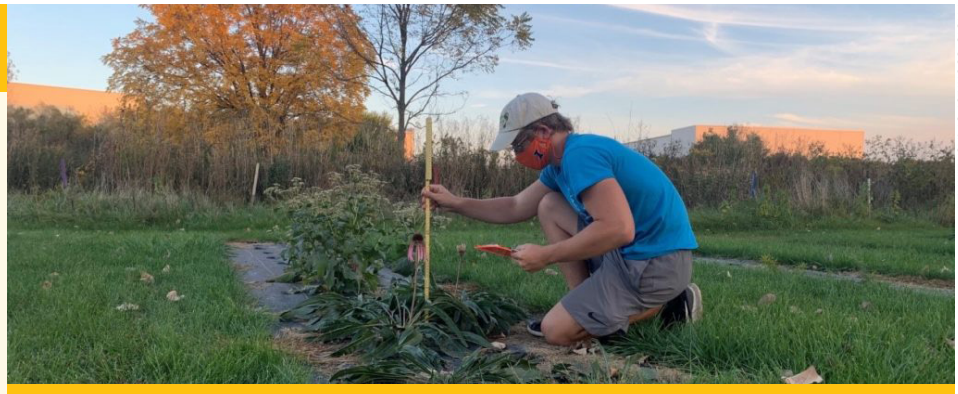
About NCR-SARE

The North Central Region-Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (NCR-SARE) promotes and supports sustainable agriculture, with grants as the primary tool for accomplishing the mission. These grants are offered annually to farmers, researchers, educators, and other people in the agricultural community.

Since 1988, NCR-SARE has awarded more than $100 million worth of competitive grants to help advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound, and good for communities.

The USDA-funded Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program was authorized by the 1985 Farm Bill and was first funded in 1988. SARE operates through four regional offices as well as a national office. The North Central Region serves Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.



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Jack Zinnen received SARE support to conduct field experiments to improve the management of native seed production at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The term "sustainable agriculture" means an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long-term:

- satisfy human food and fiber needs
- enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agriculture economy depends
- make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls
- sustain the economic viability of farm operations
- enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole

NCR-SARE offers awards for several competitive grant programs, including:

- Farmer Rancher
- Youth Educator
- Graduate Student
- Professional Development
- Research and Education
- Partnership

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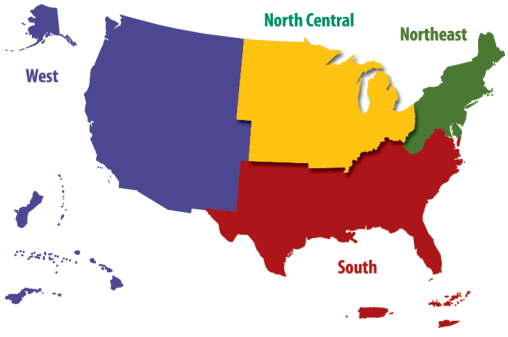
Eoghan McCroskey received SARE support to investigate whether springtails can be bioindicators.



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