

# Beginning Farmers

A farm is to a beginning farmer what a blank canvas is to an aspiring artist, which makes it no wonder that beginning farmers and ranchers are some of agriculture's greatest innovators and experimenters. In fact, studies have found that most innovation takes place within the first five years of a farmer's operation. SARE has made fostering the next generation and its ingenuity a priority.

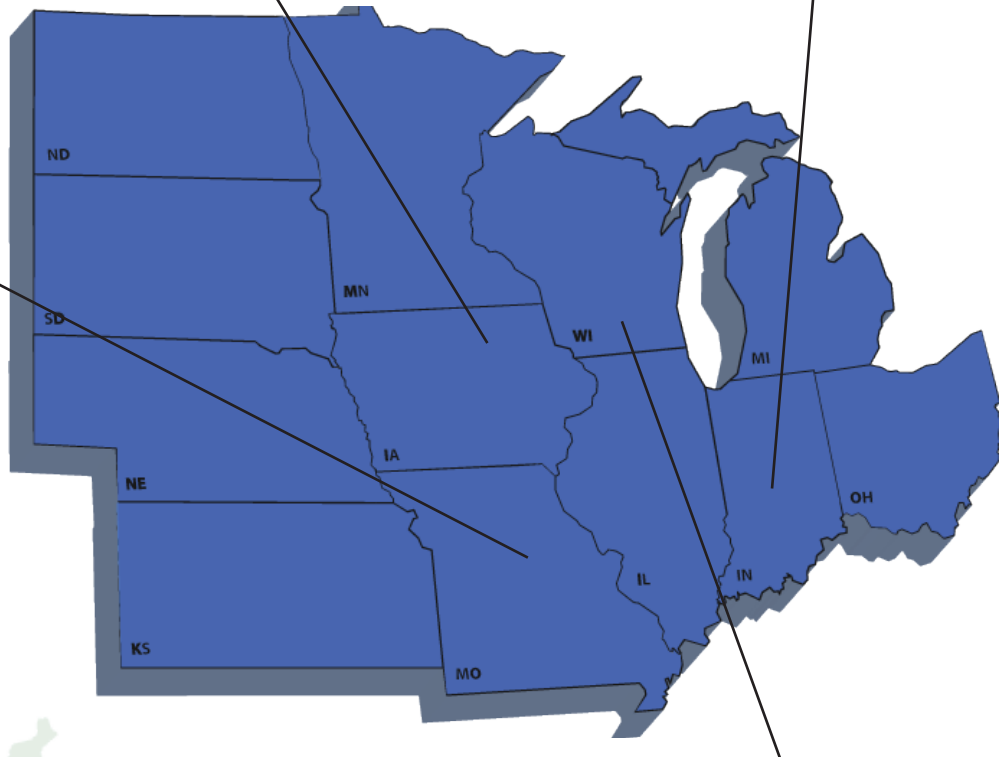
## NCR-SARE Project Sampler

To view SARE's entire beginning farmer portfolio, or just the North Central region's, visit <https://projects.sare.org>. For selected NCR beginning farmer grants, see the reverse side.

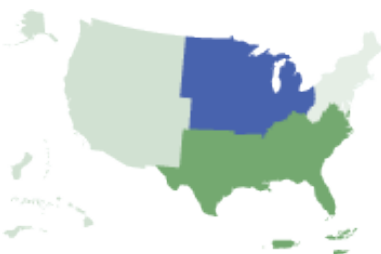
Through interviews with beginning farmers and young people who recently quit farming, this comparative ethnographic project explored the range of factors that contribute to a beginning farmer's decision to leave agriculture. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number GNC15-208.

The Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition worked to provide an organized social structure so young and beginning farmers could find and spend time with each other, sharing tricks of the trade, celebrating successes, and commiserating challenges. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number FNC17-1089.

A project at the University of Missouri worked with new and beginning Latino producers on sustainable production methods. Their main goal was to enhance the awareness, skills, and knowledge needed to protect natural resources such as soil and water while improving profitability. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number LNC15-368.



Educators with the Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship received SARE support to enhance the learning experience of aspiring dairy farmers by training their trainers. See <https://projects.sare.org> and search for project number ENC17-162.



# -NCR-SARE's Beginning Farmer Portfolio

Selected Grants

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

### Transitioning Farm and Ranch Land From One Family to another: Evaluating New Strategies for Profitable Transfers and Sustainable Agriculture Partnerships

James Farmer, Indiana University, Indiana, LNC16-377, \$199,566

### On-Farm and Ranch Education of New and Beginning Latino Producers in Missouri

Eleazar Gonzalez, University of Missouri, Missouri, LNC15-368, \$163,227

### Reweaving the Economic Fabric to Support Sustainable Farms and Ag-based Business

Jan Joannides, Renewing the Countryside, Minnesota, LNC14-360, \$199,634

### Growing Farmers Training Program

Ingrid Kirst, Community CROPS, Lincoln, Nebraska, LNC11-333, \$164,676

### South Dakota Beginning Farmer Training and Link Project

Frank James, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota, LNC09-311, \$25,000

## FARMER AND RANCHER GRANTS

### Building the Local Food Economy in Ozark County, Missouri

Amelia LaMair, Flotsam Farm, Missouri, FNC17-1082, \$7,436

### Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition

Genesis McKiernan-Allen, Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition, Indiana, FNC17-1089, \$6,244

### Enhancing Economic Stability by Building Financial Resilience: A Model for Collaborative Learning Among Beginning Farmers in Southwest Wisconsin

Marie Raboin, Brix Cider Company, Wisconsin, FNC16-1052, \$18,410

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

### Enhancing Quality of Work-Based Beginning Farmer Training Programs Through Trainer Professional Development

Laura Paine, Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship, Wisconsin, ENC17-162, \$74,107

## GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS

### Why Do They Quit? Identifying Key Determinants of Beginning Farmers' Decisions

Andrea Rissing, Emory College, Georgia, GNC15-208, \$9,855  
(work was conducted on Iowa farms)

### Best Hispanic Farmer's Management and Marketing Strategies in Michigan

Lourdes Martinez, Michigan State University, Michigan, GNC08-096, \$9950

## YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS

### Urban Farming as a Sustainable Business

Tommy McDaniel, Asbury Community Development Corporation, Michigan, YENC18-127, \$2,000

### Engaging Youth in Sustainable Farming and Benefits of Direct Marketing

Skylar Falter, Nebraska Cooperative Development Center, Nebraska, YENC17-116, \$2,000

### Prairie Farm Corps Youth Development Program

Shannon McBride, Liberty Prairie Foundation, Illinois, YENC17-109, \$2,000

### Building Community and Growing Food with the Next Generation

Tod Satterthwaite, Sola Gratia Farm, Illinois, YENC15-091, \$2,000

### Youth Intern Program at Growing Hope

Danielle Gartner, Growing Hope, Ypsilanti, Michigan, YENC12-046, \$2,000

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For information on more SARE-funded beginning farmer projects search the SARE projects database: <https://projects.sare.org>.



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