



Sustainable Agriculture
Research & Education

Farmer Grant Program

About this grant program

This grant program accepts all types and scales of farms.

Northeast SARE provides funds to farmers to explore **innovative** concepts in sustainable agriculture conducted through **experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations, or other research and education techniques.**

Up to \$30,000 per project



Funds available for project-specific expenses including: hourly compensation, supplies, materials, services like testing and consulting, project-based travel, and outreach.

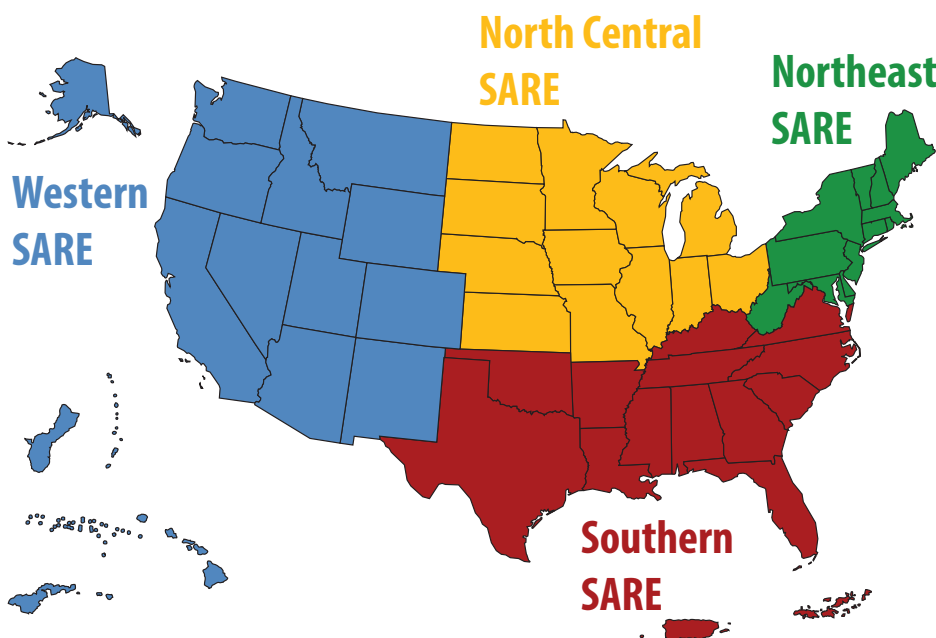
Who can apply?

To be eligible, you must be a commercial farm business owner or farm employee. The farm must be located in the Northeast and meet the U.S. Census of Agriculture definition of a Farm: “Any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year” prior to the grant program’s application deadline.

Farmers on farms affiliated with an institution or a nonprofit organization can apply if the farm produces and sells agricultural products that meet the farm definition above.

Proposals are limited to one per farm per year.

Northeast SARE grants are paid on a reimbursement basis. Advance payments are not possible.



Northeast SARE serves the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont, and Washington, D.C.



What types of projects are funded?

A wide variety of topics can be funded by the Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Program, including marketing and business, crop production, raising livestock, aquaculture, social sustainability, unconventional agriculture, traditional ecological knowledge, and much more.

Farmer Grant projects must generate information or working relationships that are consistent with the Northeast SARE outcome statement and align with our legislative priorities:

Northeast SARE's Outcome Statement

Northeast agricultural communities honor the holistic connection among land, water, air, and all living beings. Agriculture in the Northeast is accessible and sustainable so all farmers and farm employees can steward resources to ensure sustainability, resilience, economic viability, and a high quality of life.

SARE's Legislative Priorities

- 1) Maintain and enhance the quality and productivity of the soil;
- 2) Conserve soil, water, energy, natural resources, and fish and wildlife habitat;
- 3) Maintain and enhance the quality of surface and ground water;
- 4) Protect the health and safety of persons involved in the food and farm system;
- 5) Promote the well-being of animals;
- 6) Increase employment opportunities in agriculture.

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Technical Advisors

All projects must enlist a technical advisor. They should be someone who can provide needed expertise to the proposed project. Technical advisors do not have to live in the Northeast region. They should not be close friends or family members. Identify your technical advisor before writing your proposal and talk your project through with them. A letter of commitment from your technical advisor is required.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance for developing an application is available upon request. Northeast SARE will provide a technical assistant to assist with developing and submitting your application to the Farmer Grant Program.

What Farmer Grants are not for

This grant program does not help start or expand farm businesses. Farmer Grant funds cannot be used for capital costs associated with building, purchasing durable equipment, for any utility, or other costs that would be there in the absence of the project.

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