



# Farmer Grants

Northeast SARE's competitive Farmer Grants provide up to \$50,000 to farmers to develop, test, share and implement new ways of farming more sustainably. If you farm in the Northeast and have an idea about how to farm better, these grants may be for you.

## How Farmer Grants Work

Farmer Grants recognize that farmers are agricultural experts with hard-earned knowledge and deep ties to the land. As experts – whether in crop production, animal agriculture, agroforestry, aquaculture or another field – farmers know their systems better than anyone and have insightful questions and ideas about ways to improve their practices and industries.

Farmer Grants fund farm-focused research or education projects that promote agricultural sustainability and resilience, protect natural resources or promote healthier, safer farms and landscapes. A technical advisor the farmer chooses provides support with aspects of the grant such as research design, technical production or outreach.

Recent examples include developing a mobile seed-processing trailer, co-culturing aquaculture species, agroforestry production of medicinal herbs and creating a guide for labor-management best practices.



*“Through our Farmer Grant, we consulted with technical advisors whose input was extremely valuable and one of the best parts of this project. Their advice on plant diseases and other issues helped me reconsider crowded plantings, wildlife issues and the problems around poaching.”*

**Kate Dobrowski, Greenhill Farm NH**  
Agroforestry Production of Rare Medicinal Herbs in New Hampshire

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## For More Information

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## Facts to Know

**Awards:** Farmer Grants are capped at \$50,000.

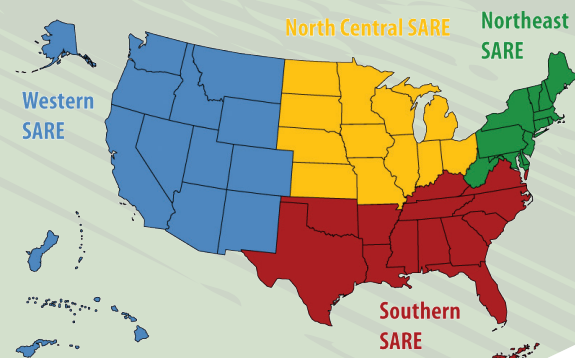
**Duration:** Projects may last up to three years.

**Funding Rate:** Historically, fewer than 40 percent of proposals are funded.

**Eligibility:** Individuals and organizations with commercial farms in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont or Washington, D.C. are eligible to apply.

**Technical Advisor:** Farmers must partner with a technical advisor who can help design, monitor, evaluate and share the research or education outcomes.

**Outreach:** All projects must include an outreach component where new knowledge is shared with other farmers or agriculture professionals.



## To Apply

Proposals are accepted only during open periods. Deadlines and complete eligibility requirements are listed in the Call for Proposals.

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