



# Professional Development Grants

Northeast SARE's Professional Development Grants provide up to \$150,000 to professionals like extension educators, consultants, agency and non-profit staff to improve their ability to work with farmers.

## How Professional Development Grants Work

Professional Development Grants enhance the skills and effectiveness of the people who advise, educate and support farmers in the Northeast. Through research-based education, these professionals learn new practices and skills to better support farmers in sustainable agriculture innovation.

Recent examples include:

- Tribal farm staff trained to develop farming workshops on six Tribal Nations to improve food security
- Realtors and bankers trained in farm-succession planning to support 40 farm families with smooth inter-generational transitions
- Farmers' market managers trained in conflict mediation implemented 124 strategies for farmer vendors, strengthening the livelihoods of 300 farmers and the long-term resilience of farmers' markets in the region
- Extension and non-profit staff trained in farm-business practices, resulting in 117 farmers improving their ability to monitor and assess their farms' financial health



*"The Professional Development grant was a true game-changer, allowing us to share what we'd learned about establishing trees in pastures to a much wider audience. As a small company, we wouldn't have had the time or bandwidth to share information about this important practice had it not been for this grant."*

**Austin Unruh, Trees for Graziers**

SilvoPro: A Training Program for Silvopasture Professionals

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## For More Information

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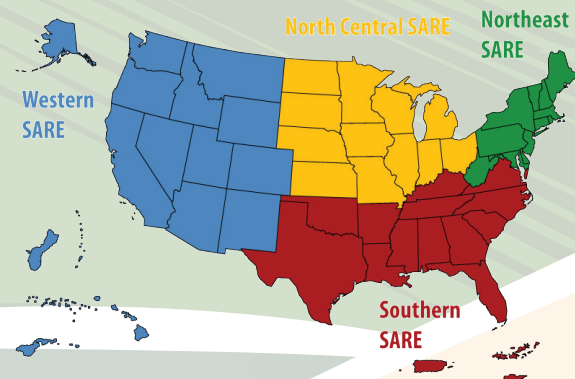
## Facts to Know

**Awards:** Professional Development Grants are capped at \$150,000.

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

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

**Eligibility:** Agricultural service providers at universities, private businesses (including farms), federal, state and local agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Applicants may be located outside the Northeast Region, but project activities and potential benefits must occur within the region of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont or Washington, D.C.



## 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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