Permaculture

Permaculture practitioners strive to build sustainable and self-sufficient agricultural ecosystems that are modelled after natural ecosystems. Permaculture can include concepts such as agroforestry, silvopasture, no-till, rainwater harvesting, mulching, managed intensive rotational grazing, and keyline design. NCR-SARE has supported work in permaculture as practitioners explore biodiverse agricultural ecosystems that sustain both themselves and their stewards.

NCR-SARE Project Sampler

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

The Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems in Wisconsin provided farmers with a “Fruit and Nut Compass” that aims to help diversified farms become more socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number LNC16-376.

A producer developed farm training sites for small farmers to learn more about permaculture principles in Kansas. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number FNC09-793.

EarthDance Farm received SARE support to increase the effectiveness of their whole-farm approach to pest management, and taught beginning farmers permaculture-related IPM techniques such as floral farmscaping and the use of insect netting to reduce dependence on organic pesticide. See https://projects.sare.org and search for project number FNC17-1083.

SARE’s four regional programs and outreach office work to advance – to the whole of American agriculture – innovations that improve profitability, stewardship and quality of life by investing in ground-breaking research and education.
**Farmer and Rancher Grants**

Farmscaping and Permaculture IPM at an Organic Farm School  
Rachel Levi, EarthDance, Michigan, FNC17-1083, $7,500

Topographical Contour Measurement and Water Management Earthworks for Ecologically Restorative Edible Silvopasture Planting  
Jess Bernstein, Wonderfarm, Wisconsin, FNC17-1109, $7,403

Growing a Pear Orchard at an Organic Farm School to Increase Supply and Demand for Organic Tree Fruit in St. Louis, MO  
Rachel Levi, EarthDance, Missouri, FNC14-970, $7,500

Renovation and Ecological Management of Neglected Apple Orchards in Southeast Michigan  
Trevor Newman, Roots to Fruits, Michigan, FNC13-923, $7,466

Direct Marketing Non-Traditional Perennial Berry Varieties: Expanding Eater Preferences and Grower Connections  
Clare Hintz, Elsewhere Farm, Wisconsin, FNC12-864, $17,530

Sustainable Agriculture Education and Practicum for Kansas Small Farmers and Ranchers Using Permaculture Principles of Ecological Systems Design and Management  
Steve Moring, Vajra Farm, Kansas, FNC09-793, $17,976

Demonstrating Higher Yields and Market Opportunities of Mixed Annual and Perennial Intensive Planting in Appalachian Ohio  
Michelle Ajamian, Ohio, FNC09-774, $5,909

**Graduate Student Grants**

Biodiversity Effects on Soil Carbon Grain in Annual and Perennial Cropping Systems  
Christine Sprunger, Michigan State University, Michigan, GNC14-196, $6,382

Assessing Nitrogen and Carbon Pools in a Perennial Biomass Alley Cropping System in Minnesota, U.S.A.  
Joshua Gamble, University of Minnesota, Minnesota, GNC13-169, $9,719

A Comparative Profitability Assessment of Perennial Bioenergy Crops Grown in Missouri  
Joseph Dolginow, University of Missouri, Missouri, GNC12-155, $9,999

**Partnership Grants**

Evaluating and Sharing Techniques in Silvopasture Establishment  
Keefe Keeley, Savanna Institute, Wisconsin, ONC16-017, $29,951

**Research and Education Grants**

The Fruit and Nut Compass: Developing a Tool and Guiding Principles for Diversified Farms  
Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin, LNC16-376, $199,246

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