
AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN ALASKA
by USDA's
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program
1988-2011

Summary: Alaska has received \$517,769 to support 17 projects, including but not limited to, four research and/or education projects, one extension project and 11 producer-led projects. Alaska also has received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

State sustainable agriculture extension coordinator(s): Michele Hebert, Univ. AK at Fairbanks, Coop. Ext. Service

Project #	Project Title	SARE support	Project Leader	Organization
SW10-901	Building Alaska Garden Soils from the Ground up: Local Soils Research and Demonstration Projects	\$48,497.00	Jodie Anderson	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
SW06-III	Fruit Tree and Berry Crop Trial Program for Native Alaskan Rural Communities in Interior Alaska	\$193,324.00	Robert Wheeler	Alaska Cooperative Extension Service
SW97-012	No-Till Forage Establishment to Improve Soil and Water Conservation and Reduce Associated Production Risks	\$99,209.00	Stephen Sparrow	Univ. of AK, Fairbanks (UAF), Dept. of Plant, Animal & Soil Sci.
AW91-001	Use of Domestic Geese to Control Weeds for Agriculture and Forestry Applications in Alaska	\$39,989.00	Tricia L. Wurtz	University of Alaska

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

EW10-024	Educating Alaska Agricultural Professionals on Sustainable, High-Latitude Horticultural Production Techniques	\$49,642.00	Jeff Smeenk	University of Alaska, Fairbanks
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GRANTS TO FARMERS

FW10-007	Using High Tunnels to Provide Peony with Longer Growing Season to Increase Productivity in Northern Latitudes and Cold Soils	\$14,751.00	Janice Hanscom	
FW08-017	Weed Management and Soil Fertility on a Sub-Artic Farm	\$14,803.00	Michael Emers	
FW04-103	Kuskokwim Native Association Farm Vegetable Marketing Project	\$7,500.00	Diane Lehman	Kuskokwim Native Association

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FW02-045	Propagation of Alaska Native Plants for Landscape and Restoration Use	\$7,500.00	Michael Emers	Rosie Creek Farm
FW02-004	Sub-Arctic Top-Bar-Hive Beekeeping and Natural Honey Comb Production Combined with the Introduction of New Winter Hardy Red Raspberry Cultivars	\$3,129.00	Lance Gillette	
FW00-050	Propagation of Alaska Native Plants for Restoration and Landscape Use	\$5,000.00	Mike Emers	
FW99-021	Development of Late Blight Forecasting Model	\$6,078.00	Bob Boyd	
FW98-064	Propagation of Indigenous Lingonberry Species for Sustainable Development	\$5,000.00	Vickie Talbot	
FW97-026	Growing American and Korean Ginseng in Alaska	\$5,000.00	David C. Smith	
FW96-082	Establish More Efficient and Biological Practice for Bringing Forest Land into Agricultural Use through Sustainable Development Using Indigenous Species for Alaska	\$3,000.00	Vickie Talbot	
FW95-111	Establish More Efficient and Biological Practice for Bringing Forest Land into Agricultural Use Through Sustainable Development Using Indigenous Species in Alaska	\$5,000.00	Vickie Talbot	

Graduate Student Grants

GW07-013	Sustainable Farming in Alaska: Maintaining Old Traditions and Building New Ones	\$10,347.00	Philip Loring	UAF
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Total funding from USDA SARE program to Alaska = \$517,769

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SARE is a national USDA program that provides competitive grants, educational materials and extension programs to develop and support approaches that enhance profits, protect the environment and improve rural quality of life.