

SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

Colorado

What is SARE?

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) program has been the go-to USDA grants and outreach program for farmers, ranchers, researchers and educators who want to develop innovations that improve farm profitability, protect water and land, and revitalize communities. To date, SARE has awarded \$245 million for more than 6,100 initiatives.

SARE is grassroots with far-reaching impact

Four regional councils of expert practitioners set priorities and make grants in every state and island protectorate.

SARE communicates results

SARE shares project results by requiring grantees to conduct outreach and grower engagement; and by maintaining the SARE Learning Center—a library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.



Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education

www.sare.org

Project Highlight: *Farmers learn to diversify incomes*

Depending on where they live, Colorado farmers have between nine and 158 frost-free days each year, and they can face low humidity, strong winds and intense sun exposure. Greenhouses can help combat these potentially harsh weather conditions that compromise economic stability.

So, Colorado State University Extension used SARE funds to develop curricula and 27 training videos for agricultural professionals on small-scale greenhouse production. Through over 16 hours of recorded lectures, Extension agents and small-scale vegetable and ornamental plant producers have access to the knowledge they need to give themselves a year-round income.

Incorporating 25 years of research, the lectures were designed to provide

farmers with the tools they need to enter the greenhouse industry—from building a greenhouse, to growing produce and ornamental plants, to post-harvest handling. The trainings are also suitable for veteran greenhouse producers.

The SARE grant provided funding to produce a set of the training DVDs for each county around the state. The curricula and trainings will be updated as needed so that the information available to producers remains relevant. The curricula, along with other season extension resources, can be found in SARE's Season Extension Topic Room, at www.sare.org/season-extension.

For more information on this project, see www.sare.org/projects, and search for project number EWO9-014.

SARE in Colorado

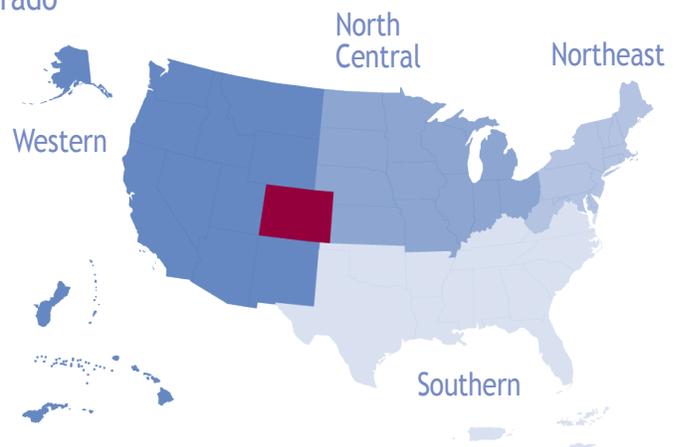
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\$4 million in total funding

91 grant projects

(since 1988)

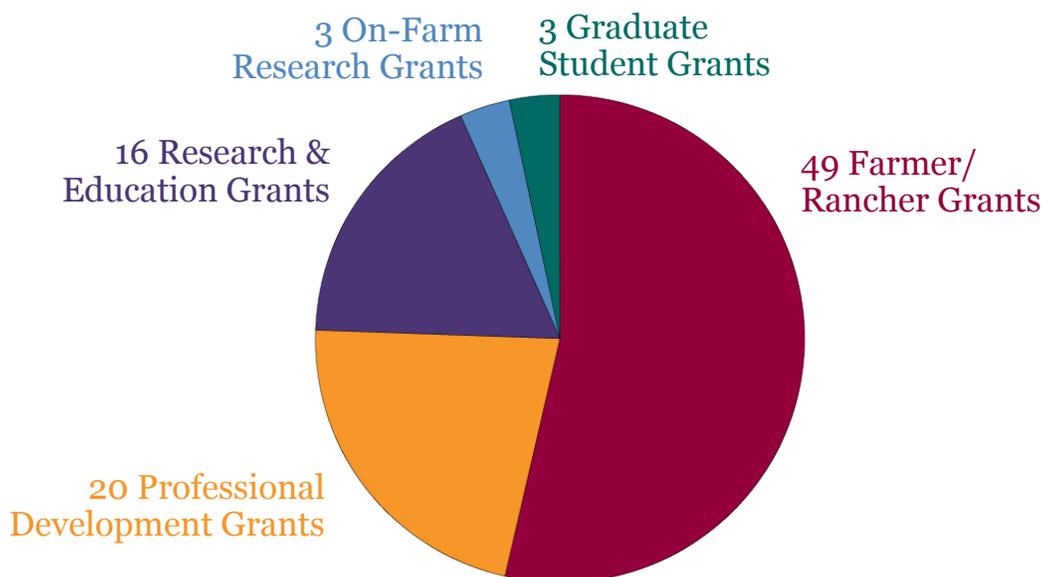
For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to www.sare.org/state-summaries



SARE's four regional programs and outreach office work to advance sustainable innovations to the whole of American agriculture.

SARE Grants in Colorado

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SARE's Impact



53 percent of producers report using a new production technique after reading a SARE publication.

79 percent of producers said they improved soil quality through their SARE project.

64 percent of producers said their SARE project helped them achieve higher sales.

Contact Your SARE State Coordinator

SARE sustainable ag coordinators run state-level educational programs for Extension and other ag professionals, and many help grant applicants and recipients with planning and outreach. Visit www.westernsare.org/colorado to learn more.

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