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 over $333 million to more than 7,794 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 an online library of practical publications, granteeproduced information products and other educational materials.

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

Florida

Project Highlight: Grafted Specialty Tomatoes More Resilient

Demand for organic heirloom and specialty tomatoes grown in high tunnels is rising, making them high-value crops. Unfortunately, growers of such tomatoes in Florida face challenges in managing soil-borne diseases. Due to Fusarium wilt, one farm faced the complete crop failure of a tomato popular in the local market. University of Florida researcher Xin Zhao partnered with the farm, Frog Song Organics, to see if grafting with resistant rootstocks would control soil-borne diseases in organic high tunnel production systems.

Their experiment compared grafted and non-grafted specialty tomatoes for soil-borne disease resistance, yield and fruit quality. They found that grafting was an effective tool for managing Fusarium wilt and improving the overall health of tomato plants. Yields significantly improved in grafted tomato production compared with non-grafted controls. Even with higher production costs associated with the grafting, the grafted plants resulted in increased net profits.

One hundred professionals and 450 farmers learned of the rewarding research findings at workshops and presentations. Zhao views this on-farm research project as a successful demonstration of technology transfer through a collaborative and productive partnership with local growers to address production issues.

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects, and search for project number OS13-083.

SARE in Florida

southern.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/florida

$7,666,012 in total funding

170 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 170 grants
35 Research and Education
7 Sustainable Community Innovation
10 Professional Development Program
26 Farmer/Rancher
63 Graduate Student
29 On Farm Research/Partnership

Total funding: $7,666,012
5,446,978 Research and Education
87,296 Sustainable Community Innovation
651,193 Professional Development Program
247,100 Farmer/Rancher
779,971 Graduate Student
453,474 On Farm Research/Partnership

Find a complete list of projects on page 3.

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.

Learn about local impacts at: southern.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/florida

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 southern.sare.org/state-pages/florida to learn more.

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USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education

For detailed information on SARE projects, go to www.SARE.org

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This report includes summaries of competitive grant programs only. Some competitive grant programs that are no longer offered may be included or excluded from the totals in this report depending on the grant program and SARE region.
Agriculture projects funded in Florida by USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program

Florida has been awarded $7,666,012 grants to support 168 projects, including but not limited to, 33 research and/or education projects, 10 professional development projects and 26 producer-led projects. Florida has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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University of Florida  
Dr.Oscar Liburd  
University of Florida  
Gabriel Maltais-Landry  
University of Florida  
Dr.Jorge Ruiz-Menjivar  
University of Florida  
Dr.Marilyn Swisher  
University of Florida  
Chris Wilson  
University of Florida  
Alejandro Bolques  
Florida A&M University |
| LS21-354   | The Use of Cyanobacteria Biofertilizers to Increase Crop Productivity, Improve Soil Health, and Agricultural Sustainability in Florida | $242,000     | Sanku Dattamudi  
Florida International University  
Dr.Mahadev Bhat  
Florida International University  
Dr.Saoli Chanda  
Florida International University  
Dr.Krishnaswamy Jayachandran  
Florida International University  
Dr.Leonard Scinto  
Florida International University |
| LS21-360   | Specialty Pumpkin: Laying the Groundwork for an Emerging Crop and Lucrative Products | $399,999     | Dr.Geoffrey Meru  
University of Florida  
Dr.Carlene Chase  
University of Florida  
Dr.Andre da Silva  
University of Georgia  
Dr.Andrew MacIntosh  
University of Florida  
Dr.Angela Ramirez  
University of Puerto Rico  
Dr.Jorge Ruiz-Menjivar  
University of Florida |
University of Florida  
Kevin Attearn  
University of Florida  
Eban Bean  
Agricultural and Biological Engineering, UF/IFAS  
Dr.Carlene Chase  
University of Florida  
Tatiana Sanchez  
UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County |
| LS20-342 | Enhancing Hedgerow Systems in Fruit Tree Production to Improve Beneficial Insect Diversity and Abundance | $311,118 | Dr. Xavier Martini  
University of Florida  
Dr. Michael Andreu  
University of Florida  
Brett Blaauw  
University of Georgia  
Dr. Lauren Diepenbrock  
University of Florida  
Rachel Mallinger, Dr. University of Florida |
| LS19-308 | Harnessing Microbes for Sustainable Food Production | $44,468 | Masanori Fujimoto  
University of Florida |
| LS19-315 | Enhancing Seed Production of Regionally Adapted Crops in the Southeastern Farmer Seed System | $310,537 | Dr. Hector Perez  
University of Florida |
| LS18-291 | Managing Plant-parasitic Nematodes and Promoting Beneficial Soil Organisms Through Sod-based Crop Rotation | $198,669 | Zane Grabau  
University of Florida |
| LS18-297 | Shade and Ground Cover Growing Systems for Tea Production in Florida | $200,000 | Brantlee Richter  
University of Florida |
| LS18-302 | Educational Materials for Cover Crop Adoption and Use in the Subtropics and Tropics | $46,999 | Dr. Danielle Treadwell  
University of Florida |
| LS16-270 | Cover Crop Diversity through Evaluation and Increase from Breeder Stocks and Germplasm Repositories | $201,249 | Dr. Carlene Chase  
University of Florida |
| LS11-244 | Taking advantage of pest thrips ecology to increase sustainability of vegetable crop production | $235,000 | Dr. Stuart Reitz  
USDA-ARS  
Dr. Stephen Hight  
USDA-ARS |
| LS10-228 | Educating and Training Future Farmers, Researchers and Extension Personnel in Sustainable Agriculture | $245,000 | Rosalie Koenig  
University of Florida |
| LS10-233 | Integrated Use of Grafting Technology to Improve Disease Resistance and Fruit Yield in Specialty Melon Production | $223,000 | Dr. Xin Zhao  
University of Florida |
| LS10-235 | Preparing Small Scale Limited Resource Vegetable Farmers for Organic Farming in North Florida | $15,000 | Dr. Odemari Mbuya  
Florida A&M University |
| LS09-216 | Improving the quality of life for Southern organic farmers and farm workers | $190,000 | Leah Cohen  
Florida Organic Growers |
| LS08-205 | Selecting a sunn hemp cover crop genotype for weed suppression and seed production | $170,000 | Dr. Carlene Chase  
University of Florida |
| LS07-199 | Integrating plant essential oils and kaolin for the sustainable management of thrips and tomato spotted wilt on tomato | $185,000 | Dr. Stuart Reitz  
USDA-ARS |
| LS06-187 | Silicon soil amendments for enhancing disease resistance while improving overall crop health for cucurbits in organic farming systems | $180,000 | Dr. Robert McGovern  
UF-IFAS  
Amanda Gevens  
University of Florida |
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<td>Developing Effective Methods to Assess the Impact of Community Food Security Programs on Purchases of Local Farm Produce in Three Southern Communities</td>
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| SPDP21-03 | Bridging the Food Supply and Sustainable Agriculture Systems with the Nonprofit Sector | $77,867 | Dr. Kimberly Wiley  
University of Florida  
Dr. Jennifer Jones  
University of Florida  
Dr. Marilyn Swisher  
University of Florida |
| ES09-097  | Moving nursery producers toward sustainable production practices               | $76,237 | Gary Knox  
University of Florida |
| ES03-067  | What Service Providers Must Know About Organic Rules and Regulations           | $133,762 | Rosalie Koenig  
University of Florida |
| ES01-054  | Growing with the Community: A Hands-on Training Design for Agricultural Educators, Farmers and Community Leaders | $49,735 | Ellen Huntley  
Florida Organic Growers |
| ES01-055  | Delivery of Biological Control Information and Technology in Florida           | $49,919 | James Cuda  
University of Florida |
| ES01-056  | Training in production and utilization of composted waste materials in warm, humid climates to improve soils for horticultural cropping systems | $47,896 | Monica Ozores-Hampton  
University of Florida/SWFREC |
| ES97-030  | Integrated Production of Sustainable Crops for Small Farmers in North Florida  | $8,375 | Gary Knox  
University of Florida |
| ES97-036  | Sustainable Agriculture Training Initiative for Texas                         | $70,136 | Nancy Roe |
| LST96-012 | Facilitating Farmer to Farmer Networks: An Experimental Approach              | $80,997 | Dr. Marilyn Swisher  
University of Florida |
| LST94-007 | Evaluating Sustainability: Gaining Insights                                    | $56,269 | Dr. Marilyn Swisher  
University of Florida |

**FARMER/RANCHER GRANTS**

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| FS20-323  | Evaluating Mobile Slaughter Access for Producers and Local Partners           | $10,700 | Sheila Austin  
Red Boot Goat Farm |
| FS19-317  | Analysis of the Antioxidant Qualities of Flowers and Fruits of Several Commercial Varieties of Sambucus nigra ssp. Canadensis (The North American Black Elderberry) in Florida | $9,971 | Heather Martin  
Hyldemoer & Co., LLC |
| FS19-314  | Season Extension and Increased Economic Sustainability for South Florida Growers: Using high tunnels to extend tomato production | $9,665 | Moses Kashem  
St. Simon’s Farm; Urban Vegetable Project Produce Sales LLC |
| FS19-319  | Sweet Potatoes and Their Vines: A nutritional and sustainable alternative for food and livestock feed | $9,926 | April Singleton  
L&B Farm |
| FS10-248  | Florida Meat Goat Study                                                        | $9,996 | Rita Pruette  
Granny Smith Farms |
Developing Model CSA Software for Multi-cropping and Harvesting $9,800 Margaret Pikarsky Bee Heaven Farm
Developing Guidelines for Farmers to Market Directly to Consumers at Community Farmers’ Markets $14,000 Sharon Yeago Alachua County Farmers’ Market, Inc.
Ultraviolet Light absorbing films and nets for insect and disease control in an organic greenhouse $8,010 Jim Gibbons
Development of Multi-Herd Management software for small farmers $9,949 Dee Blaha
Soil Fertility improvement in Fruit Orchards by Windrowing Urban Plant Debris and Poultry Litter $8,644 William Graves, IV Tetley Groves, Inc.
Developing a model to increase support for organic farming research at Land Grant Institutions $14,999 Marty Mesh FL Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, (FOG)
Composted Yard Waste as a Replacement for Pine Bark Mulch in Blueberry Production $9,800 Richard Nogaj Harvest for Humanity
Using companion plants to increase biological control for thrips in pepper crops $9,300 Chuck Obern
Practical Evaluation of Vermicompost on Horticultural Crops $9,820 Cynthia L. Connolly
Marketing to the Department of Defense Food Service $15,000 Glyen Holmes New North Florida Coop
Does Compost Use Affect Post-Harvest Quality of Vegetables? $9,960 Nancy Roe
Alternative Production Methods for Increasing Sustainability of North Florida Strawberry Producers $9,964 Larry Gillard South Georgia Farmers Co-op
Developing a Model for Successful Direct Marketing in Southern Communities $7,020 Trace Giornelli
Alternative Parasite Control Methods for Goat Producers: A Comparative Analysis $5,960 Charles Johnson C&M Farms
Developing an Organically Approved Soil Mix for Use in Vegetable Transplant Production $7,660 Rosalie Koenig University of Florida
Feasibility of Indoor Culture and Production of Ornamental Goldfish $2,216 Robert Draughon
Effect of Limited Environmental Controls on Shiitake Mushroom Production in the Southern Coastal Plain $9,990 Charles McRae
Development of Potting Soil Mixes from Local Wastes $9,600 Steve Garrison Almond Tree Nursery
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| GS21-235  | Examining Field Crop Farmers’ Climate Change Perceptions, Adaptation Strategies, and Resilience in Florida: A spatial econometric approach | $15,775      | Dr. Jorge Ruiz-Menjivar  
University of Florida  
Yong Liu  
University of Florida |
| GS21-237  | Agricultural Water Resource Management in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands | $13,076      | Dr. Marilyn Swisher  
University of Florida  
Megan Donovan, M.S.  
University of Florida |
| GS21-238  | Sustainable Management Practices for Vanilla Cultivation                      | $16,499      | Dr. Alan Chambers  
University of Florida TREC  
Joshua Anderson  
University of Florida |
| GS21-239  | Quantifying and Understanding Factors Affecting Tissue Nitrate Accumulation in Organic Celery | $16,497      | Dr. Xin Zhao  
University of Florida  
Zachary Ray  
University of Florida |
| GS21-243  | Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungal Associations in Tea Under Sustainable Production Systems in Florida | $16,444      | Dr. Bala Rathinasabapathi  
University of Florida  
Caitlin Clarke  
University of Florida |
| GS21-244  | What’s the Buzz? Assessing Efficacy, Synergisms, and Sustainability of Pollinators in Southern Highbush Blueberry (Vaccinium corymbosum L.) | $16,493      | Rachel Mallinger, Dr.  
University of Florida  
John Ternest  
University of Florida Department of Entomology and Nematology |
| GS21-247  | Small-scale Farmer Networks in Florida: Understanding and measuring their impacts and exploring the role of extension in their success | $15,930      | Paul Monaghan  
University of Florida  
Jose Perez  
University of Florida |
| GS21-249  | Forecasting Pasture Productivity from Satellite Imagery for Use in Adaptive Grazing Management | $16,445      | Chris Wilson  
University of Florida  
Hunter Smith  
University of Florida |
| GS20-219  | Translating Grazing: Calculating Nitrogen Credits from Cool-Season Integrated Crop Livestock Systems | $16,493      | Dr. Marcelo Wallau  
University of Florida  
Kacey Aukema  
University of Florida |
| GS20-221  | Assessing Anaerobic Soil Disinfestation for Improving Weed and Soilborne Disease Management in High-tunnel and Open-field Salad Green Production | $16,499      | Dr. Xin Zhao  
University of Florida  
Isaac Vincent  
University of Florida |
| GS20-222  | Agroecological Intensification of Warm-season Pastures for Improved Productivity and Quality and Ecosystem Services | $16,173      | Chris Wilson  
University of Florida  
Hannah Rusch  
University of Florida |
GS20-223 Intercropping for Pest Control in Organic Kale in Northern Florida $16,279 Nora Underwood Florida State University
Penelope Ales Florida State University

GS20-224 Determining How the Ubiquitous Fungi Mortierella Regulates Belowground N Dynamics Under Different Crop Rotation Systems $16,144 Dr.Hui-Ling Liao University of Florida
Kaile Zhang University of Florida

GS20-225 Deploying Oak Mulch to Contain and Suppress HLB Disease in Citrus $12,347 Lorenzo Rossi, Ph.D. University of Florida
Lukas Hallman UF/IFAS

GS20-231 Evaluating Local Food Hubs as Alternative Food Systems to Preserve Specialty Crop Producers and Build Resilient Communities in North Central Florida $14,028 Dr.Jonathan Watson University of Florida
BHAGATVEER SANGHA University of Florida

GS20-234 Development of Push-pull System for Ambrosia Beetles, Vectors of Laurel Wilt Disease in Florida Avocado $11,564 Dr.Xavier Martini University of Florida
Derrick Conover University of Florida

GS19-199 Sustainable Strategies to Combat the Papaya Ringspot Virus $16,495 Dr.Alan Chambers University of Florida TREC
Sarah Brewer University of Florida

GS19-206 Developing Efficient Probiotics for Microbiota of Diarrhea-Resistant Livestock $16,266 Dr.Kwangcheol Jeong University of Florida
Peixin Fan University of Florida

GS19-210 Toward the Development of a Push-Pull Strategy to Control Whiteflies in Florida Vegetables $9,308 Dr.Xavier Martini University of Florida
Nicholas Johnston University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center

GS19-203 Evaluation of Cladosporium cladosporioides and Its Extracts for the Management of Pathogenic Bipolaris Species $14,332 Dr.Erica Goss University of Florida
Ashish Adhikari University of Florida, Plant Pathology

GS18-184 Evaluation of Biopesticides to Manage Silverleaf Whitefly (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae) in Tomatoes in Florida $16,500 Dr. Muhammad Haseeb Center for Biological Control, College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Florida A&M University
Jermaine Perier Florida A&M University

GS18-190 Innovations in Spotted Wing Drosophila (Drosophila suzukii Matsumura) Monitoring and Attract-and-Kill for Development of More Targeted IPM Programs $16,334 Dr.Oscar Liburd University of Florida
Gabrielle LaTora University of Georgia

GS18-191 Developing Attract and Reward Strategy to Control Thrips and Whiteflies in Florida Tomato $10,316 Dr.Xavier Martini University of Florida
Iris Strzyzewski University of Florida NFREC

GS18-195 Elucidating the Effects of Organic vs. Conventional Cropping Practice and Rhizobia Inoculation on Peanut Yield and Rhizosphere Microbial Diversity $16,496 Dr.Jianping Wang University of Florida
Dev Paudel University of Florida

GS18-181 Integrated Weed Management for Long-Term Nutsedge Control and Its Economic Impact in Florida Vegetable Production $15,361 Peter Dittmar University of Florida
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University of Florida  
Xuqi Chen  
University of Florida |
| GS17-170    | Companion Planting of Native Insectary Plants to Benefit Crop Plants: The promotion of beneficial insects in agricultural communities via trophic resource enhancement | $10,332  | Dr. Suzanne Koptur  
Florida International University  
Andrea Salas  
Florida International University |
| GS17-171    | Development of an Integrated Pest and Disease Management Program Utilizing Companion Plants and Inundative Biological Control for Organic Squash Production | $16,245  | Dr. Oscar Liburd  
University of Florida  
Lorena Lopez  
Virginia Tech |
| GS17-172    | Effects of Herbivore-Induced Plant Volatiles in Various Maturity Stages of Pepper on the Attractiveness of Orius insidiosus | $9,787   | Dr. Xavier Martini  
University of Florida  
Edward Traczyk  
University of Florida |
| GS17-173    | Genetic Markers for Resistance to Gastrointestinal Nematode Infections for a Sustainable Florida Native Sheep Production | $16,500  | Raluca Mateescu  
University of Florida  
Zaira Magdalena Estrada Reyes  
University of Florida |
| GS17-178    | Overcoming Microclimate Challenges to Improve Organic Spinach Production in Florida | $16,495  | Dr. Xin Zhao  
University of Florida  
Craig Frey  
University of Florida |
| GS15-141    | Creating successful Farm to School Programs in Florida: A County-wide Feasibility Study of Direct, Local Procurement | $11,000  | Ray Bucklin  
University of Florida  
Dr. Jonathan Watson  
University of Florida |
| GS15-145    | Sustainable Management Strategies for Management of Key Insect and Nematode Pests in Squash Cropping Systems | $10,121  | Dr. Oscar Liburd  
University of Florida  
Lorena Lopez  
Virginia Tech |
| GS15-146    | Investigating New Management Approaches for Picture-Winged Flies in Sweet Corn | $7,432   | Dr. Gregg Nuessly  
University of Florida/IFAS/EREC  
Dr. David Owens  
University of Delaware |
| GS15-149    | Natural essential oil compounds with heat treatment to control stem-end rot on grapefruit during postharvest handling and marketing | $10,948  | Dr. Mark Ritenour, markritenour  
University of Florida  
Jiaqi Yan  
University of Florida |
University of Florida - NFREC  
Marta Kohmann  
University of Florida |
| GS14-129    | Potential use of seeded peanuts as warm-season legumes in the U.S. southern Coastal Plains | $10,249  | Dr. Maria Silveira  
University of Florida  
Sutie Xu  
University of Florida |
| GS14-134    | Effect of Nematode Suppression Using Cover Crops Resistant to Nematodes on Peanut Production | $10,982  | Dr. Jose Dubeux, Jr.  
University of Florida - NFREC  
Edwin Mozley  
University of Florida |
| GS14-137    | Impacts of land use intensification on soil organic carbon stocks, soil carbon fractions and microbial activities in subtropical grazing land ecosystems | $11,000  | Dr. Lynn Sollenberger  
University of Florida  
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<td>Do Human-modified Landscapes Affect Solitary Bee Diversity, Foraging, and Reproduction in Northern Florida?</td>
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