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 7,792 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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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.
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.

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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 Athearn  
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Management of Artificial and Restored Wetlands to Improve Water Quality

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                                        |                                                               |              | Yong Liu
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS21-237  | Agricultural Water Resource Management in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands | $13,076      | Dr. Marilyn Swisher
                                        |                                                               |              | Megan Donovan, M.S.
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS21-238  | Sustainable Management Practices for Vanilla Cultivation                       | $16,499      | Dr. Alan Chambers
                                        |                                                               |              | Joshua Anderson
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida TREC
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS21-239  | Quantifying and Understanding Factors Affecting Tissue Nitrate Accumulation in Organic Celery | $16,497      | Dr. Xin Zhao
                                        |                                                               |              | Zachary Ray
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS21-243  | Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungal Associations in Tea Under Sustainable Production Systems in Florida | $16,444      | Dr. Bala Rathinasabapathi
                                        |                                                               |              | 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.
                                        |                                                               |              | 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
                                        |                                                               |              | Jose Perez
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS21-249  | Forecasting Pasture Productivity from Satellite Imagery for Use in Adaptive Grazing Management | $16,445      | Chris Wilson
                                        |                                                               |              | Hunter Smith
                                        |                                                               |              | University of Florida
| GS20-219  | Translating Grazing: Calculating Nitrogen Credits from Cool-Season Integrated Crop Livestock Systems | $16,493      | Dr. Marcelo Wallau
                                        |                                                               |              | 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
                                        |                                                               |              | 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
                                        |                                                               |              | 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

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GS06-053  Are bluebirds good for farms, and are farms good for bluebirds?  $10,000  Dr.Katie Sieving  Wildlife Ecology / UF  John Deluca  Dept. of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, UF

GS05-045  Development of an IPM Program for Control of Flower-Thrips in Blueberries in Southeastern United States  $9,914  Dr.Oscar Liburd  University of Florida  Hector Arevalo  University of Florida

GS04-039  Potential for nitrate-nitrogen leaching in a silvopastoral system compared with open pasture and loblolly pine plantation  $9,998  Ann Blount  Susan Bambo  University of Florida

GS02-013  Developing a System to Produce Organic Plug Transplants for Organic Strawberry Production  $9,500  Daniel Cantliffe  University of Florida  Ashwin Paranjpe  University of Florida

GS02-018  Analysis of a Biological Control Strategy and its Potential in a Pest Management Program in Florida Cabbage  $10,000  Dr.Stuart Reitz  USDA-ARS  Nathan Herrick  USDA-ARS-CMAVE

GS02-019  Chemical Ecology of Microtheca ochroloma  $3,057  Susan Webb  Dr.Marilyn Swisher  University of Florida  Kristen Bowers  USDA-ARS-CMAVE

GS01-009  Competition for Nitrogen and Groundwater Nitrate Levels in Temperate Alley Cropping Systems  $10,000  Shibu Jose  University of Florida  Samuel Allen  University of Florida

GS00-001  Induction of Volatile Emissions from Peanut Plants in Response to Fungal and Insect Damage  $10,000  James Tumlinson  Insect Attractants Unit  Yasmin Cardoza  Department of Entomology and Nematology

GS00-005  Investigating the potential use of Trichogramma, a hymenopteran egg parasitoid, in the integrated management of lepidopteran pests of cabbage in Puerto Rico  $10,000  Richard Pluke  University of Florida

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University of Florida

OS11-060 Investigating various tactics of intercropping buckwheat with squash to increase natural enemy populations, reduce pest and disease pressure and increase yield $14,978 Dr. Oscar Liburd
University of Florida

OS10-054 Evaluating compost and lime effects on soil organic matter, soil microbial communities and the control of Fusarium wilt in commercial tomato grown in Florida’s sandy soils $14,955 Amy Shober
University of Florida

OS10-056 Improving Cover Crop Management in Florida Row, Vegetable and Organic Citrus Systems $14,940 Dr. Danielle Treadwell
University of Florida

OS08-043 Monitoring Nutrient Availability and Leaching Below the Root Zone in Organic Vegetable Production $14,900 Dr. Danielle Treadwell
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OS06-029 Development and implementation of a trap cropping system to suppress stink bugs in the southern Coastal Plain $15,000 Dr. Russell Mizell, III
NFREC-Quincy, University of Florida

OS05-026 Optimization of Irrigation Practices in Organic and Sustainable Vegetable Production with Soluble Dye as an Educational Tool $14,663 Eric Simmone
University of Florida

OS04-022 A Low Cost Trapping System for Control of the Small Hive Beetle Aethina Tumida Murray, A Pest of Honey Bee Colonies $15,000 Peter Teal
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OS03-015 Performance of Various Forage Combinations Under Thinned Pine Canopies in North Florida $14,982 Ann Blount

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UF/IFAS Sumter Co. Extension |
| CS06-044 | Florida Farm Link – Building the Foundation of a Sustainable Community Food System by Connecting Sustainable Agriculture to Economic Development Initiatives | $9,521 | Laura Morton
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