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## 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 \$12.2 million to more than 166 initiatives [1].

### 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, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.

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

# Texas

## Project Highlight: *Training for a Sustainable Agriculture Future*

Thousands of Texas ranchers hurt by drought are seeking new ways to make their land profitable. Large Texas farms are being subdivided. Farms of all sizes are now in closer contact with non-agricultural communities due to urban growth. Agriculture in Texas is changing, and the technical professionals who support producers must keep up by learning innovative, research-based production and marketing strategies relevant to their clientele's interests. This need prompted Texas A&M Extension educators to organize a SARE-funded training program on the sustainable and organic practices that are of emerging interest to Texas' farmers and ranchers. The program reached 45 employees of Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M Extension, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. It included hands-on farm training conducted at six locations, with classroom presentations and discussions over four days. Eleven farmers and ranchers served as trainers during the on-site visits. Participants reported back on what they did in their communities as a result of their involvement in the program. Five months after conclusion of the training, they brought information about sustainable and organic practices to 1,000 farmers in 37 different counties through a combination of events and one-on-one outreach.

For more information on this project, see [sare.org/projects](http://sare.org/projects), and search for project number [ES13-120](#).

## SARE in Texas

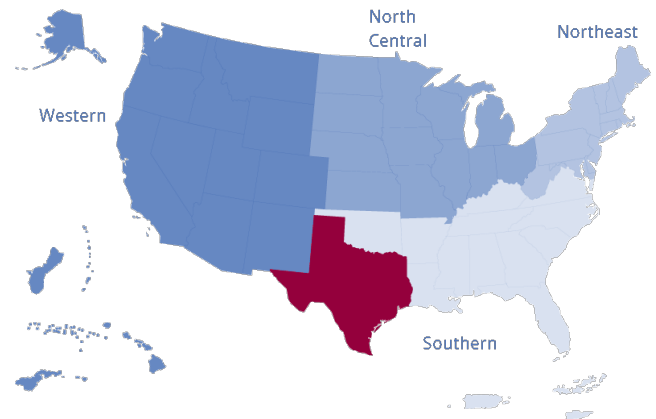
[southern.sare.org/state-profiles/texas/](http://southern.sare.org/state-profiles/texas/)

**\$12,208,227**  
**in total funding**

**166 grant projects**

(since 1988 [1])

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](http://projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/)



[1] These totals reflect available data; complete information may not be available for all grant programs prior to 2016.

# SARE in Texas, 2020-2025

This is a summary of recent SARE-funded activities and impacts in the state. To search all SARE projects visit [projects.sare.org](https://projects.sare.org). For a list of all projects in this state visit [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](https://projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/).

## Grants awarded

Total awards: **56 grants**

- 4 Farmer/Rancher
- 9 Research and Education
- 6 Professional Development Program
- 9 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 15 Graduate Student
- 10 PDP State Program [2]
- 3 Education Only

Total funding: **\$5,152,792**

- \$65,359 Farmer/Rancher
- \$3,811,337 Research and Education
- \$405,130 Professional Development Program
- \$229,570 On Farm Research/Partnership
- \$252,598 Graduate Student
- \$258,199 PDP State Program [2]
- \$130,599 Education Only

[2] The Professional Development Program (PDP) State Program is a non-competitive award that funds the activities of the state coordinator(s). See more below.

For a complete list of awards by state, visit: [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](https://projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/)

## Farmer and rancher impacts

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

**9,174 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project**

**1,123 farmers reported a change in knowledge, awareness, skills or attitude**

**1,586 farmers changed a practice**



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Learn about local impacts at: [southern.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/texas/](https://southern.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/texas/)

## 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-profiles/texas/](https://southern.sare.org/state-profiles/texas/) to learn more.

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