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 $389 million to more than 8,542 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...

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, and search for project number ES13-120.

SARE in Texas

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

$11,062,269
in total funding

140 grant projects

(since 1988)

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

Total awards: 140 grants

- 41 Research and Education
- 4 Sustainable Community Innovation
- 12 Professional Development Program
- 27 Farmer/Rancher
- 32 Graduate Student
- 21 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 3 Education Only

Total funding: $11,062,269

- $8,961,600 Research and Education
- $40,000 Sustainable Community Innovation
- $892,240 Professional Development Program
- $271,338 Farmer/Rancher
- $410,026 Graduate Student
- $358,398 On Farm Research/Partnership
- $128,667 Education Only

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/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-pages/texas to learn more.

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

SARE is funded by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

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.
Texas has been awarded $11,062,269 grants to support 139 projects, including but not limited to, 40 research and/or education projects, 12 professional development projects and 27 producer-led projects. Texas has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

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| LS22-364  | Development of Sustainable Organic Rice Ratoon Production Systems in the Southern US | $340,000     | Dr. Tanumoy Bera  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
Dr. Fugen Dou  
Texas A&M University  
Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson  
Texas A&M University  
Dr. Yubin Yang  
Texas A&M University  
Dr. Xin-Gen (Shane) Zhou  
Texas A&M University |
| LS22-371  | Evaluating Cover Crops for Weed Reduction throughout the Southern States       | $360,000     | Justin Duncan  
National Center for Appropriate Technology  
Dorothy Barker  
Operation Spring Plant (OSP)  
Jahi Chappell  
Southeastern African American Farmers Organic Network (SAAFON) |
| LS22-372  | Sustainable Soil Resource Management and Produce Marketing on Resource-limited Urban Farms | $371,000     | Dr. Omar Harvey  
Texas Christian University  
Dr. Esayas Gebremichael  
Texas Christian University  
Dr. Stacy Grau  
Texas Christian University  
Jesse Herrera  
CoAct |
| LS22-373  | Converting to alternative annual and perennial forage based systems for sustainable grazing in semi-arid environments | $371,000     | Dr. Paul DeLaune  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research / Soil and Crop Sciences  
Francisco Abello  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Emi Kimura  
Dr. Dariusz Malinowski  
Texas AgriLife Research  
Dr. Marco Palma  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
Dr. William Pinchak  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research |
LS22-375  Sheep integration for diverse and resilient organic cotton systems  $370,998  Dr.Reagan Noland  Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  Dr.Justin Benavidez  Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  Caitlyn Cooper-Norris  Texas Tech University  Dr.Holli Leggette  Texas A&M University  Dr.Reid Redden  Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  Dr.Cody Scott  Angelo State University  Bob Whitney  Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

LS21-345  Soil for Water  $1,000,000  Mike Morris  National Center for Appropriate Technology  Eric Bendfeldt  Virginia Cooperative Extension  Dr.Dirk Philipp  University of Arkansas  Dr.Rocky Lemus  Mississippi State University, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

LS20-341  Assessing Water Use Efficiency, Soil Health, and Pollinators within a Transition from Irrigation to Dryland Management in the Texas High Plains  $299,208  Dr.Scott Longing  Texas Tech University  Dr.Veronica Acosta-Martinez  USDA-ARS

LS20-343  Toward Culturally Responsive Disaster Management for Limited Resource Producers: The Role of Person, Place and Professional Agencies  $300,000  Dr.Noel Estwick  Prairie View A&M University  Dr.Nelson Daniels  Prairie View A&M University  Dr.Marco Robinson  Prairie View A&M University

LS19-313  Organic and Conventional Agriculture: Learning from Each Other to Promote Soil Health and Economic Viability in West Texas  $299,208  Dr.Katie Lewis  Texas A&M AgriLife Research

LS19-312  Regional Food Transportation for Texas Farmers  $299,208  Caroline Krejci  The University of Texas at Arlington

LS17-277  Indicators and Soil Conservation Practices for Soil Health and Carbon Sequestration  $312,000  Dr.Barbara Bellows  Tarleton State University/ TIAER

LS17-283  Developing Organic Cropping Systems for Grain Production in Texas  $276,000  Ronnie Schnell  Texas A&M University, Soil & Crop Sciences

LS17-286  Long-term Agroecosystems Research and Adoption in the Texas Southern High Plains - Phase III  $300,000  Dr.Charles West  Texas Tech University

LS16-275  Evaluating Organic Pest Control Products for Strawberries in Combination with High and Low Tunnels for Limited Resource Farmers in the Mid-South  $246,413  Dr.Russell Wallace  Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension

LS16-271  Intensifying Cropping Systems in Semi-Arid Environments to Enhance Soil Health and Profitability  $232,827  Dr.Paul DeLaune  Texan A&M AgriLife Research / Soil and Crop Sciences

LS14-261  Long-term AgroEcosystems Research and Adoption in the Texas Southern High Plains – Phase II  $300,000  Dr.Charles West  Texas Tech University
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| LS14-264    | Beyond Fresh: Expanding Markets for Sustainable Value-added Food Products in Texas | $220,000 | Mike Morris  
National Center for Appropriate Technology |
| LS12-249    | Improving Soil Quality to Increase Yield and Reduce Diseases in Organic Rice Production | $225,000 | Fugen Dou  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research |
| LS11-238    | Long-term AgroEcosystems Research and Adoption in the Texas Southern High Plains – Phase I | $329,999 | Dr.Charles West  
Texas Tech University  
Philip Brown  
Texas Tech University |
| LS10-229    | Integrated Crop and Livestock Systems for Enhanced Soil Carbon Sequestration and Microbial Diversity in the Semiarid Texas High Plains | $160,000 | Dr.Jennifer Moore-Kucera  
Texas Tech University |
| LS10-236    | Traceability in Specialty Crop Production and Supply Chains: Distilling a Research and Extension Agenda | $33,000 | Kathryn Boys  
Virginia Tech  
Kathryn Boys  
Clemson University |
| LS08-202    | Crop-livestock Systems for Sustainable High Plains Agriculture       | $200,000 | Dr.Vivien Allen  
Texas Tech University |
| LS08-208    | Marketing of locally produced sustainable animal fiber products      | $140,000 | John Bernard  
University of Delaware  
Hikaru Hanawa Peterson  
Kansas State University  
Gwendolyn Hustvedt  
Texas State University |
| LS07-201    | Pigeon pea: a multipurpose, drought resistant forage, grain and vegetable crop for sustainable southern farms | $200,000 | Dr.John Sloan  
Texas AgriLife Research |
| LS05-175    | Sustainable and profitable control of invasive plant species by small ruminants | $178,000 | Dr.James Muir  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research |
| LS05-214    | SARE Research and Education Program Impacts and Diffusion            | $31,526  | Marari Suvedi  
CARRS Center for Evaluative Studies |
| LS03-144    | Expanding the Marketing Opportunities for Organic Growers in Texas    | $19,924  | Douglas Constance  
Sam Houston State University |
| LS03-150    | Sustainable and profitable control of invasive species by browsing goats on small farms | $14,199  | Dr.James Muir  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research |
| LS02-131    | Forage and Livestock Systems for Sustainable High Plains Agriculture | $251,805 | Dr.Vivien Allen  
Texas Tech University |
| LS00-117    | System for value-added export of manure nitrogen and phosphorus through turfgrass sod | $149,726 | Donald Vietor, PhD  
Texas A&M University, Soil & Crop Sciences |
| LS99-100    | Systems for sustainability of alfalfa production on acid, Coastal Plain soils using various harvesting strategies | $149,750 | Vincent Haby  
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station |
| LS99-108    | System for Conserving and Adding Value to Manure Sources of Nutrients in Turf-grass Sod | $16,854  | Donald Vietor, PhD  
Texas A&M University, Soil & Crop Sciences |
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<td>LS89-015</td>
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<td>LS88-002</td>
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<td>LS88-010</td>
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<td>Charles LongTexas A &amp; M University</td>
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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS**
SPDP23-017  Modernizing Our Roots: Sustainable range and pasture result demonstrations to encourage local education and adoption $78,924
Dr. Megan Clayton
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management
Dr. Jason Cleere
Department of Animal Science, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Jacob Dykes
Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Texas J. Boone Holladay
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Fort Bend County
Truman Lamb
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Anderson County
Dr. M. Shane McLellan
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, McLennan County
Rogelio Mercado
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Jim Wells County
Ashley Pellerin
Prairie View A&M University
Larry Pierce, Jr.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Robert Pritz
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Dr. Jeff Ripley
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Roy Walston
Walston Ranch, Mill Creek Beef
Sam Womble
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Bexar County

SPDP22-09  Carbon Farm Planning to Promote Sustainable Agriculture in Texas $79,309
Elise Haschke
NCAT

SPDP22-10  Certificate Program for Sustainable Cotton Production for County Agents $30,349
Steve Hague
Texas A&M University - Department of Soil & Crop Sciences
Dr. Jourdan Bell
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension
Dr. Seth Byrd
Oklahoma State University
Dr. Matthew Foster
LSU AgCenter
Emi Kimura
Murilo Maeda
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Josh McGinty
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Ben McKnight
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Jake Mowrer
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Reagan Noland
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Dr. Scott Nolte
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

SPDP21-06  Sustainable Aquatic Habitat Management on Agricultural Lands $60,000
Brittany Chesser
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Mikayla Killam
Texas A&M University
### Beekeeping Curriculum and Training for Texas Agricultural Extension Agents and 4-H Youth Leaders
![Beekeeping Curriculum and Training](image) $79,516
Nicole Gueck
AgriLogic Consulting, LLC
Elizabeth "Wizzie" Brown
Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Leesa Hyder
Texas Beekeepers Association
Molly Keck
Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Ashley Ralph
Texas Beekeepers Association
Mary Reed
Texas Apiary Inspection Services

### Training Texas County Extension Agents and Mentor Ranchers to Improve Small Ruminant Health and Productivity Through Natural Genetic Selection Strategies
![Training Small Ruminant Health](image) $76,996
Dr. Reid Redden
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

### Natural Resource Management for Sustainable Agriculture Production in East Texas
![Natural Resource Management](image) $42,773
Dr. Vanessa Corriher-Olson
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

### Promotion and Adoption of Sustainable Agriculture Practices in Texas: Training the Trainers
![Promotion and Adoption](image) $80,000
Dr. Jake Mowrer
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

### Ranching with Wildlife: Teaching Sustainable Livestock Production Practices for Wildlife Habitat
![Ranching with Wildlife](image) $78,838
John Tomecek
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

### Farming for the Future: Adopting Sustainable Agriculture Practices
![Farming for the Future](image) $55,904
Dr. Megan Clayton
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management

### Achieving Rangeland Sustainability Through Total Resource Management
![Achieving Rangeland Sustainability](image) $157,061
William Fox, Ph.D.
Texas Cooperative Extension
C. Wayne Hanselka, Ph.D.
Texas Cooperative Extension

### Environmentally and Economically Sustainable Use of Rangeland
![Environmentally and Economically Sustainable Use](image) $72,570
James F. Cadenhead
Texas A & M Research and Extension

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| FS23-348 | Increasing Financial Sustainability on the Farm by Employing Moringa as a Drought Tolerant, Cost-Reducing Lamb Feed Supplement | $15,000 | Diana Padilla
Padilla Farm LLC DBA Yahweh’s All Natural Farm and Garden |
| FS22-338 | New Design of Two Queen Horizontal Honey Bee Hive Bases for Commercial and Small Scale Beekeeping Operations | $14,662 | Daniel Brantner
Texas Honey Company |
| FS19-312 | Tagasaste: A new feed source for West Texas | $9,670 | Malinda Beeman
Marfa Maid Dairy |
| FS18-306 | Subsoiling as an Effective and Affordable Water Capture Tool | $9,720 | Amanda Krause
Parker Creek Ranch |
| FS17-299 | Organic Sweet Potato as a Commercial Crop in South Texas | $10,000 | Lois Kim
Farmer |
| FS14-281 | Organic Cultivation Methods for Asparagus as an Alternative Crop in South Texas | $14,736 | Gilbert Garza
Texas/Mexico Border Coalition CBO |
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<td>FS10-246</td>
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<td>Weed Control for Row Crops Using Corrugating Linerboard/Medium Paper</td>
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<td>The Landowners Association of Texas-Tyler Chapter</td>
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Texas A&M University  
Emily Russavage  
Texas A&M University |
| GS23-292     | Effect of Waste Milk Application on Reclaimed CRP Grassland Health and Ecosystem Services | $14,874      | Caitlyn Cooper-Norris  
Texas Tech University  
Shaeelyn Rainey  
TTU NRM |
| GS23-295     | Development of Active Root System Architecture of Upland Cotton for Improved Sub-surface Water Uptake During Drought Conditions | $15,900      | Dr. Gunvant Patil  
Texas Tech University  
Micayla Lamb  
Texas Tech University |
| GS22-260     | Quantifying the Risks of Pesticide Exposure to Squash Bee Behavior and Pollination Services | $16,500      | Dr. Shalene Jha  
University of Texas at Austin  
Leeah Richardson  
University of Texas at Austin |
| GS22-261     | Climate Change Impacts on the U.S. Livestock Sector and Possible Adaptations   | $16,500      | Dr. Bruce A. McCarl  
Texas A&M University  
Muxi Cheng  
Texas A&M University |
| GS22-273     | Native Texas Perennial Bunchgrass for Bioenergy Feedstock and Ruminant Nutrition | $14,432      | Dr. James Muir  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
Olivia Lasater  
Tarleton State University |
| GS21-241     | Harnessing the Wild Relatives of Rice for Novel Adaptive Phenotypes: Genetics and breeding for agricultural sustainability beyond the Green Revolution | $16,500      | Dr. Benildo Reyes  
Texas Tech University  
Swarupa Nanda Mandal  
Texas Tech University |
| GS21-248     | African American Absentee Landowners in Houston and Their Knowledge of Rural Land Ownership Conservation Practices: A needs assessment | $14,532      | Dr. Chanda Elbert  
Texas A&M University  
Ashley Pellerin  
Texas A&M University |
| GS21-251     | Effectiveness of Tarping and Tillage as Weed Management Strategies in South Texas | $16,499      | Dr. Alexis Racelis  
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley  
Christopher De la Rosa  
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley |
| GS20-226     | Comparing the Effects of Forage Mix and Nutrient Management on Soil Greenhouse Gas Flux in Semi-arid Improved Pastures | $16,450      | Lindsey Slaughter  
Texas Tech University  
Billi Petermann  
Texas Tech University |
| GS20-227     | Texas Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) Phenotypic Attribute Correlations to Collection Site Environment Characteristics | $11,889      | Dr. James Muir  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
Kimberlee Howell  
Tarleton State University |
| GS20-229     | Cannabis sativa L. as a Feed Source in Backyard Rabbit Production              | $16,419      | Dr. Frank Owsley  
Tarleton State University  
Kristen Jacobson  
Tarleton State University |
The Success of Organic and Other Sustainable Dual-Purpose Wheat Systems Depend on Access to Adapted Varieties

Roadblocks to Success: Needs assessment of small producers in Texas

Improving Resilience, Sustainability and Nutritional Properties of Specialty Crops Using Composted Spent Coffee Grounds

Investigating Controls Over Nodulation and Nitrogen Fixation in Leguminous Cover Crops in Subtropical South Texas

Effects of Cumulative Cattle Trampling on Soil Bulk Density and Infiltration of Rain Water on an Annual Forage Crop Pasture

Developing Suitable Cover Crop Systems for South Texas: Evaluating Different Late-Summer and Winter Cover Crop Species

Agroecological methods to manage brassica pests on organic farms

Examining the role of bats in pest management in agroecosystems of south Texas

Multifunctionality of Cover Crops in South Texas: Looking at multiple benefits of cover cropping on small farms in a subtropical climate

Evaluation of winter annual cover crops under multiple residue managements: Impacts on land management, soil water depletion, and cash crop productivity.

Effects of Simulated and Insect Herbivory on Total and Protein Percipitable Phenolic Concentrations of Two Legumes

Use of Artificial Lighting to Increase Photoperiod Length for Pasture-Raised Laying Hens to Improve Egg Productivity and Quality

Factors contributing to the economic impact of cotton fleahoppers, Pseudatomoscelis seriatus

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