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... 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

$8,776,053 in total funding

119 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: 119 grants
- 37 Research and Education
- 4 Sustainable Community Innovation
- 9 Professional Development Program
- 25 Farmer/Rancher
- 26 Graduate Student
- 18 On Farm Research/Partnership

Total funding: $8,776,053
- $7,196,602 Research and Education
- $40,000 Sustainable Community Innovation
- $703,658 Professional Development Program
- $241,676 Farmer/Rancher
- $315,704 Graduate Student
- $278,413 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/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.
AGRICULTURE PROJECTS FUNDED IN TEXAS
by USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program

Texas has been awarded $8,776,053 grants to support 118 projects, including but not limited to, 36 research and/or education projects, 9 professional development projects and 25 producer-led projects. Texas has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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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 |
| 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 |
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| ES17-136 | Ranching with Wildlife: Teaching Sustainable Livestock Production Practices for Wildlife Habitat | $78,838      | John Tomecek  
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service |
| ES13-120 | Farming for the Future: Adopting Sustainable Agriculture Practices             | $55,904      | Dr. Megan Clayton  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Rangeland, Wildlife, and Fisheries Management |
| ES99-045 | Achieving Rangeland Sustainability Through Total Resource Management           | $157,061     | William Fox, Ph.D.  
Texas Cooperative Extension  
C. Wayne Hanselka, Ph.D.  
Texas Cooperative Extension |
| LST94-002 | Environmentally and Economically Sustainable Use of Rangeland                 | $72,570      | James F. Cadenhead  
Texas A & M Research and Extension |

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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 |
| FS13-277 | Evaluating switchgrass in marginal land as a beneficial insect habitat and as compost source for vegetable production | $8,379       | Cynthia Remsing  
Lynn Remsing |
| FS12-262 | Development of an innovative forage crop system for pasture raised swine      | $8,303       | Ron Luce  
Poppa Skinny's Farm |
| FS10-246 | Low Cost Geothermal Greenhouse Heating System for Southern Climates           | $9,999       | Tanya Miller  
Millican Farms, LLC |
| FS07-219 | Treating Soil Compaction Using Woven Weed Fabric                              | $9,886       | Roy Riddle |
| FS06-198 | Evaluation of Mulches for Organic Cantaloupe Production in Semi-Arid Regions  | $9,855       | John Chandler |
| FS06-205 | Cover Crop Optimization for Sustainable Forage Systems on a Southern Dairy Farm | $9,872       | Neil R. Miller  
World Hunger Relief, Inc. |
| FS05-190 | Addressing Cedar Infestations - Using Animal Impact to Increase Forage Production and Improve Soil Health | $14,987     | Peggy Cole Jones  
Holistic Resource Management of Texas, Inc |
| FS05-196 | Weed Control for Row Crops Using Corrugating Linerboard/Medium Paper          | $7,399       | Michael E. Tolbert  
The Landowners Association of Texas-Tyler Chapter |
| FS03-161 | Sustainable Pastured Layer Research Project                                    | $14,992      | Graciela Alvardo  
Texas/Mexico Border Coalition Community Based Org. |
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Kimberlee Howell
Tarleton State University

GS20-229  Cannabis sativa L. as a Feed Source in Backyard Rabbit Production $16,419 Frank Owsley
Tarleton State University
Kristen Jacobson
Tarleton State University

GS19-198  The Success of Organic and Other Sustainable Dual-Purpose Wheat Systems Depend on Access to Adapted Varieties $16,500 Dr. Bill Pinchak
Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Philip Hinson
Texas A&M University

GS19-211  Roadblocks to Success: Needs assessment of small producers in Texas $10,132 Dr. Ken Mix
Texas State University
Katie Tritesch
Texas State University

GS19-209  Improving Resilience, Sustainability and Nutritional Properties of Specialty Crops Using Composted Spent Coffee Grounds $16,044 Dr. David Reed
Texas A&M University
Amanda Birnbaum
Texas A&M University

GS18-193  Investigating Controls Over Nodulation and Nitrogen Fixation in Leguminous Cover Crops in Subtropical South Texas $16,500 Dr. Alexis Racelis
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
Stephanie Kasper
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

GS18-196  Effects of Cumulative Cattle Trampling on Soil Bulk Density and Infiltration of Rain Water on an Annual Forage Crop Pasture $9,001 Dr. Charles West
Texas Tech University
Dr. Kathryn Radicke-Vanderburg
West Texas A&M University / Purdue Global University / Unity College

GS18-179  Developing Suitable Cover Crop Systems for South Texas: Evaluating Different Late-Summer and Winter Cover Crop Species $16,352 Muthu Bagavathiannan
Texas A&M University
Spencer Samuelson
Corteva Agriscience

GS16-160  Agroecological methods to manage brassica pests on organic farms $11,000 Dr. Alexis Racelis
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
Madiline Marshall
Corteva Agriscience

GS16-161  Examining the role of bats in pest management in agroecosystems of south Texas $10,223 Dr. Alexis Racelis
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
Katharine Jones
The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

GS15-148  Multifunctionality of Cover Crops in South Texas: Looking at multiple benefits of cover cropping on small farms in a subtropical climate $8,953 Dr. Alexis Racelis
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley
Savannah Rugg
University of Texas Pan-American

GS15-152  Evaluation of winter annual cover crops under multiple residue managements: Impacts on land management, soil water depletion, and cash crop productivity. $9,383 Dr. Charles West
Texas Tech University
Dr. Lisa Baxter
University of Georgia (Tifton Campus)

GS14-133  Effects of Simulated and Insect Herbivory on Total and Protein Percipitable Phenolic Concentrations of Two Legumes $9,040 Dr. James Muir
Texas A&M AgriLife Research
Tiana Blackmon
Tarleton State University

GS14-138  Use of Artificial Lighting to Increase Photoperiod Length for Pasture-Raised Laying Hens to Improve Egg Productivity and Quality $10,997 Dr. Jackie Wahrmund
University of Kentucky
Margaret Morgan
Texas A&M University-Commerce

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Texas A&M                                             |
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