

## 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 \$4.8 million to more than 107 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...

# Connecticut

**Project Highlight: Assessment of a Composite Herbal Feed Additive on Reducing Haemonchus contortus in a Dual Purpose Sheep Operation**

Dr. Erin Masurn, a veterinarian at Fork You Farms in Bantam, Connecticut, led a team of researchers to see if the herbal formula “Early Bird” could treat harmful parasites in sheep. Gastrointestinal nematodes are a type of parasite that can negatively impact the health and reproductive ability of sheep herds. “Early Bird” has shown to be successful at preventing gastrointestinal nematode propagation; however, researchers at Fork You Farms want to test the efficacy of “Early Bird” as a treatment method for sheep that have already been affected.

With the help of a Northeast SARE grant, Dr. Masurn ran an experiment to test how sheep infected with various parasites respond to the “Early Bird” treatment. According to researchers, “Early Bird” has the potential to increase the meat, fiber and dairy productivity of small ruminant and camelid operations by diminishing overall parasite burden. Using different species with varying parasite burdens gives producers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the limits of herbal parasite control. This project will help veterinarians develop protocols for the usage of the product and help farmers determine its worth to their specific operations.

For more information on this project, see [sare.org/projects](http://sare.org/projects) and search for project number ONE21-399.

## SARE in Connecticut

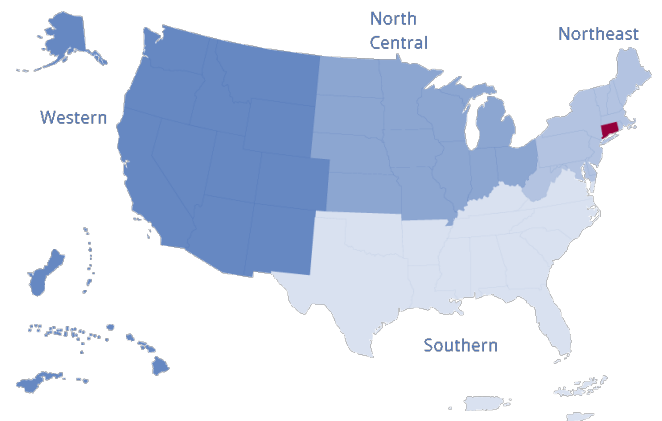
[northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/connecticut/](http://northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/connecticut/)

**\$4,833,007**  
**in total funding**

**107 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 Connecticut, 2019–2024

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: **33 grants**

- 9 Farmer/Rancher
- 2 Research and Education
- 7 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 6 Graduate Student
- 3 PDP State Program [2]
- 6 Research Only

Total funding: **\$2,448,584**

- \$159,410 Farmer/Rancher
- \$495,698 Research and Education
- \$177,786 On Farm Research/Partnership
- \$88,797 Graduate Student
- \$565,437 PDP State Program [2]
- \$961,456 Research 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:

**1,372 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project**

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

**12 farmers changed a practice**



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

## 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 [northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/connecticut/](https://northeast.sare.org/state-profiles/connecticut/) to learn more.

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