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 7,802 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 in Rhode Island

Project Highlight: Integrated Strategies for Managing Parasites

Gastrointestinal parasites pose one of the top challenges in raising sheep and goats. A common management strategy is to regularly treat an entire herd with dewormers, without distinguishing sick animals from healthy ones. This represents an unnecessary cost and risks the development of resistance to dewormers.

To help farmers manage parasites in a cost-effective manner that does not overuse dewormers, University of Rhode Island’s Katherine Petersson is leading widespread research and education efforts on integrated control strategies. These include techniques for managing pastures to reduce the incidence of parasites and tools for monitoring animals to identify which ones actually need treatment.

With a 2010 SARE grant, Petersson and a team of New England Extension specialists held dozens of workshops and site visits over three years. They reached hundreds of small ruminant producers and veterinarians. According to a survey of the farmers they worked with, 82 percent adopted new parasite control practices within a year. Most reported reducing their dewormer costs by at least 50 percent.

Petersson’s project, which was expanded with a 2015 SARE grant, included a research component that found vitamin E and cranberry powder can have an antiparasitic effect when added to animals’ diet.

For more information, see sare.org/projects, and do a coordinator search for “Petersson.”
SARE Grants in Rhode Island

Total awards: 38 grants
12 Research and Education
1 Sustainable Community Innovation
1 Professional Development Program
15 Farmer/Rancher
6 Graduate Student
3 On Farm Research/Partnership

Total funding: $1,849,999

$1,494,696 Research and Education
$21,777 Sustainable Community Innovation
$104,400 Professional Development Program
$96,974 Farmer/Rancher
$87,268 Graduate Student
$44,884 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: northeast.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/rhode-island

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-pages/rhode-island 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.
Rhode Island has been awarded $1,849,999 grants to support 36 projects, including but not limited to, 10 research and/or education projects, 1 professional development project and 15 producer-led projects. Rhode Island has also received additional SARE support through multi-state projects.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

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FNE19-923 Viability of Hogging Down Corn and Peas as Swine Feedstock $9,673 Ben Coerper Wild Harmony Farm

FNE19-927 Evaluation of Microclover Black Beauty as a Semi-Permanent Cover Crop and Living Mulch in Organic Tomato Production $4,228 John Eidson Sodco, Inc.

FNE19-943 Effect of an Indigenous Soil Microbial Inoculant on Soil, Soil Microbial Community and Leaf Nutrient Density $12,323 Rebecca Roberts Endless Farm LLC

FNE15-823 Comparing a centrifuge to a maple syrup filter press $2,600 Charles Chase Charlie's Sugarhouse

FNE11-726 Hop Trellis Systems Comparison: High versus Low $14,077 Matt Richardson Ocean State Hops

FNE10-683 Marketing Analysis of New State Shaped Maple Candies $7,000 Charles Chase Charlie's Sugarhouse

FNE09-675 Compost Windrow as Greenhouse Heat Source $9,998 Bruce Vanicek The Rhode Island Nurseries

FNE07-619 A method for overwintering and propagating honeybees in the Northeast $10,000 Mark Robar Trail's End Farm


FNE05-555 Rhode Island pastured poultry association $5,250 Patrick McNiff Southside Community Land Trust

FNE05-556 A feasible method for organic fertilization of greenhouse tomatoes through drip irrigation $3,430 Arthur Mello

FNE03-470 Grow Organic Vegetables From Western Nigeria $4,288 John Kamson Koka Farms

FNE99-237 High Density Maple Sugar Orchard and Tapping of Immature Trees $3,000 Charles Chase Charlie's Sugarhouse

FNE93-006 Development and Evaluation of an Alternative Ice House Refrigeration System $1,500 Charles Chase Charlie's Sugarhouse

FNE93-008 Flame Weed Control in Cut Flower Production $1,350 Paul Pieri Maurolo Farm

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**GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS**

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| GNE19-192 | Best Management Practices for Small-scale Egg Producers | $14,901 | Becky Sartini, PhD University of Rhode Island  
Julie Bosland University of Rhode Island |
| GNE17-145 | The effect of season upon the lifecycle and development of Haemonchus contortus in experimentally infected lambs | $14,640 | Katherine Petersson University of Rhode Island  
Marissa Brummett University of Rhode Island |
Developing production protocols and connecting producers to consumers of vegetable amaranth

GNE16-136
$14,638
Dr. Rebecca Brown
University of Rhode Island
Sarah Schweig
University of Rhode Island

Anthelmintic efficacy of pelleted cranberry leaf powder against experimental Haemonchus contortus infection in lambs

GNE14-071
$14,488
Katherine Petersson
University of Rhode Island
Carly Barone
University of Rhode Island

Using green seaweed (Ulva spp.) as a soil amendment: Effects on soil quality and yield of sweet corn (Zea mays L.)

GNE11-026
$13,853
Dr. Steven Alm
University of Rhode Island
Dr. Jose Amador
University of Rhode Island
Dr. Rebecca Brown
University of Rhode Island
Angela Possinger
University of Rhode Island

Inclusion of soybean meal into summer flounder (Paralichthys dentatus) feeds: An environmentally-friendly protein alternative to fish meal and a potential immunostimulant

GNE10-013
$14,748
Dr. David Bengtson
University of Rhode Island
Dr. Marta Gomez-Chiarri
University of Rhode Island
Dr. Daniel Ward
Ward AquaFarms, LLC

ON FARM RESEARCH/PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Project #
ONE17-304
Efficacy and cost effectiveness of foliar nutrient applications to vegetable crops on a large Rhode Island farm

SARE Support
$14,963

Project Leaders
Andy Radin
University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension

Testing laser scarecrows for neighbor-friendly bird damage reduction in sweet corn on periurban farms

ONE17-291
$14,925
Dr. Rebecca Brown
University of Rhode Island

Realizing the potential of high tunnel tomato production and income in southern New England

ONE13-191
$14,996
Andy Radin
University of Rhode Island

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANTS

Project #
CNE09-058
The Rhode Island “Market Mobile”: Easing channels for distribution for farmers and food buyers

SARE Support
$21,777

Project Leaders
Sheri Griffin
Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Total funding from the USDA SARE program to Rhode Island
$1,849,999

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