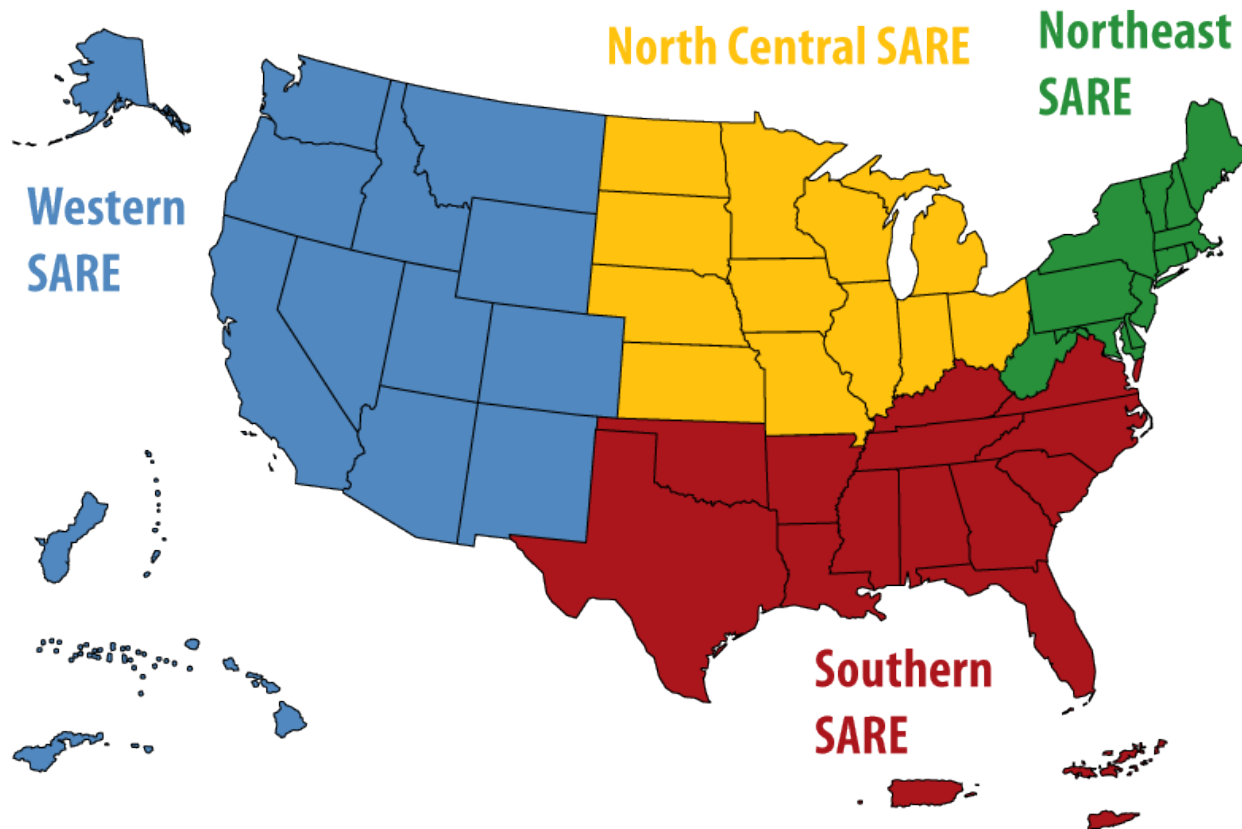


Northeast SARE Grants



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Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) is a USDA/NIFA regional grants program




Northeast SARE Outcome Statement

Agriculture in the Northeast will be diversified and profitable, providing healthful products to its customers; it will be conducted by farmers who manage resources wisely, who are satisfied with their lifestyles, and have a positive influence on their communities and the environment.



Northeast SARE funds a wide range of agricultural topics



Cover crops

Grazing

Livestock health

Agritourism

Conservation tillage

Integrated Pest Management

Value-added processing

Marketing

Organic farming

Renewable energy

Cropping systems

Reliable labor

Pollinator management

New crops and markets

Diversification

Aquaculture

Urban agriculture

Northeast SARE offers

Competitive Grants

- Farmer
- Partnership
- Graduate student
- Research and education
- Research for novel approaches
- Professional Development Program

And...

- Searchable online database
- Publications
 - Bulletins
 - On-line books, factsheets
 - Regional newsletter & application alerts
- State programs

Farmer Grants

- Up to \$15,000 for individual producer
- Pay for direct costs of project for farmer to test a new idea
- Farmer in charge, but a Technical Advisor is required (usually an ag service provider)
- Must share results with other farmers

Application Deadline Nov. 27



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Some Farmer Grant Stats 2013-2017:

Average of: 48 projects/year reviewed

59% considered fundable by reviewers

47% funded

Average % of Projects funded in topic areas:

33% Crop production practices

20% Animal production practices

14% Pest management

8% Marketing/business management, season extension,

>5% Soil health/nutrient mgt., composting, organic farming
pollination/beneficial insects, quality of life, energy-
conservation/renewable, community development

Sampling of topics funded in 2018

- Cooperative marketing opportunities for chestnuts
- Field nursery practices for oyster seed production
- No-till transplanting in cranberries
- Extending ripening season in plasticulture strawberries
- Pasture dragging as fly control for beef cattle
- Analyzing profitability of seasonal wreath production
- Laser scarecrow prototype
- Solar power as energy source in remote high tunnels
- Assessing no-till permanent beds on marginal soils



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Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Project (FNE17-877)

Integrated Oyster and Littleneck Clam Aquaculture to Increase Seafarm Yield

Jordan Kramer, Winnegance Oyster Farm, Portland ME



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Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Project (FNE15-827)

Bringing Local Back to Kosher: A New Pathway for Sustainable Poultry Processing

Robert Friedman, Robariah Farms, South Deerfield MA



Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Project (FNE15-824)
Development of Good Food Farmers Network: A Replicable Model of Farmer-Owned Joint Marketing and Sales. Hilary Corsun, Dog Wood Farm, Chatham, NY

Farmer Grant Videos

[YouTube.com/user/NortheastSARE/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/NortheastSARE/videos)

Partnership Grants

- Up to \$30,000
- For agricultural service providers working directly with farmers
- Projects must be done in close cooperation with farmer(s)
- For research or demonstration projects on farms, or projects addressing social /market issues.

Applications in April 2019



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Northeast SARE Partnership Grant Project (ONE10-113)
Management Intensive Grazing to Enhance Heifer Rearing on Large Dairies in the Northeast
Fay Benson, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cortland, NY



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Northeast SARE Partnership Grant Project (ONE15-243)

Rediscovering the Rutgers Tomato

Peter Nitzsche, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Morristown NJ

Deciding to apply for any grant – Do you have a GEM?

Goals

- How does your plan connect to the mission and goals of the program?
- Is this the right program?

Eligibility

- Can farmers apply directly?
- Do you need partners – other farmers or farm service providers?

Motivation

- Are you motivated to carry out the required work (and reporting)?

The ART of Applying

Application Instructions

- Read them in advance.
- Follow them in your application.
- Ask questions if unsure.

Review Criteria

- Look for these; pay attention to them.
- They give insight into what reviewers will look for.
- What you say should demonstrate how you meet criteria.

Time - give yourself plenty of it to:

- Gather information and develop plan
- Line up any partners needed
- Figure out accurate budget
- Have someone review your application

Example Review Criterion from Farmer Grant Application

The application requires a Project Timetable – instructions describe what to provide for this.

Review Criteria used to evaluate applications:

The timetable is realistic and includes descriptions of who will do what, when and how long each step will take. The timetable is aligned with the project's budget justification.

**Do you have ideas for a SARE
Farmer Grant Project?**

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Thank you!