

NORTH CENTRAL
SARE



Sustainable Agriculture
Research & Education

NCR-SARE offices:
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
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What is SARE?

Grants and outreach to
advance sustainable
innovations to
the whole of American
agriculture.

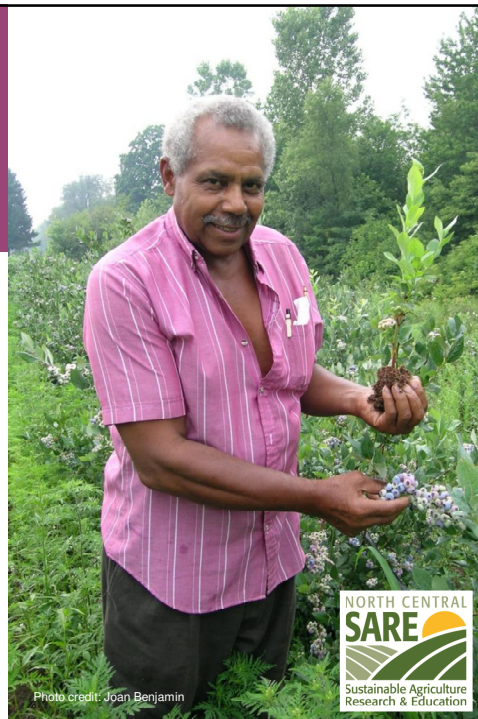


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Something New and Different

SARE was started in 1988, conceived as a decentralized, *science-based*, *grassroots*, practical, problem-solving, and *inclusive* competitive grant-making and outreach program.



The SARE Model

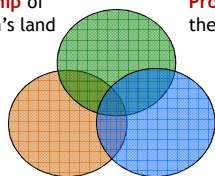
- Four regional councils set priorities and make grants
- SARE Outreach produces practical info
- USDA-NIFA supports SARE
- Other USDA agencies and land-grant universities are partners



The SARE Model

Successful SARE grantees are engaged in projects that are guided by the 3 principals of sustainability...

Stewardship of our nation's land and water



Profit over the long term

Quality of Life for farmers, ranchers, and their communities



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The SARE Model

SARE has educational partnerships with Extension and other ag professionals in every state and island protectorate.



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26 Years of Impact

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

75 percent of educators surveyed led at least one program to share innovations



Stakeholder Involvement

Problem identified by farmer/rancher and researcher


Farmers/ranchers involved in research and outreach



NCR-SARE Grant Types

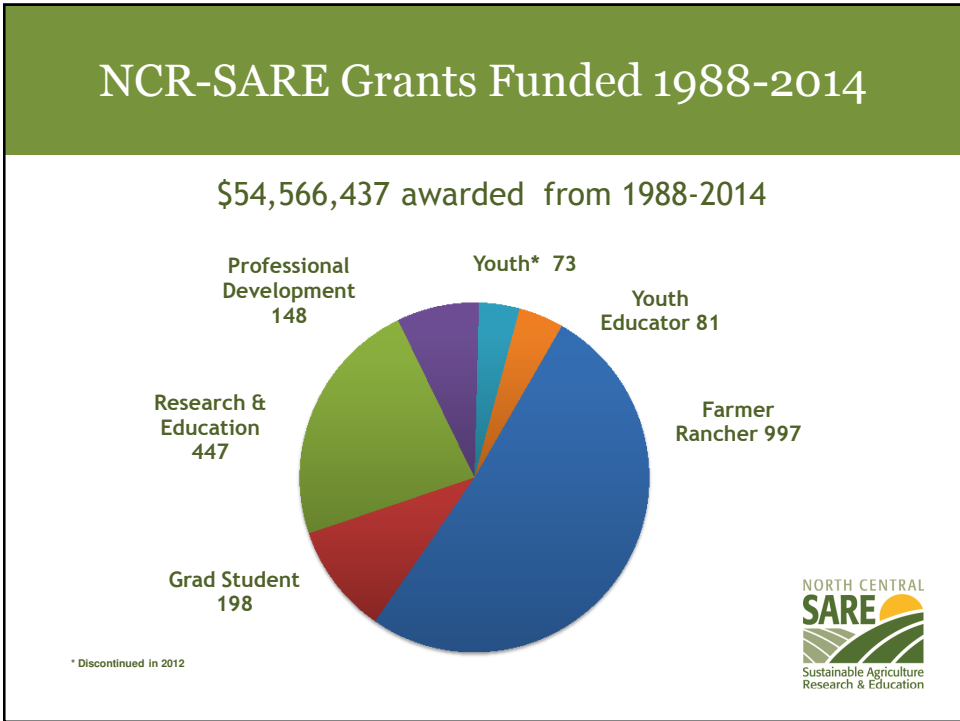
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- Professional Development
- Graduate Student
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- Youth Educator
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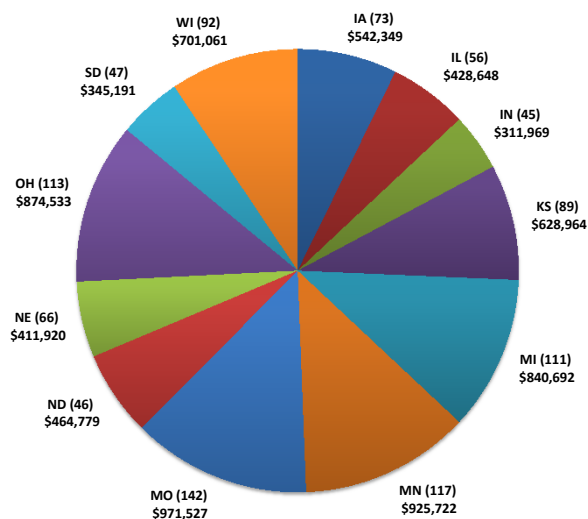


Farmer Rancher Grant Program

- Grants directly fund farmers and ranchers to explore new production methods or marketing approaches for their farm
- Up to \$7500 for individual farm, \$15,000 for partnerships, and \$22,500 for groups of 3 or more
- Encouraged to link with university or non-profit partners
- 40 - 50 projects funded per year
- Coordinated by Joan Benjamin



Farmer Rancher Grants Funded 1988-2014



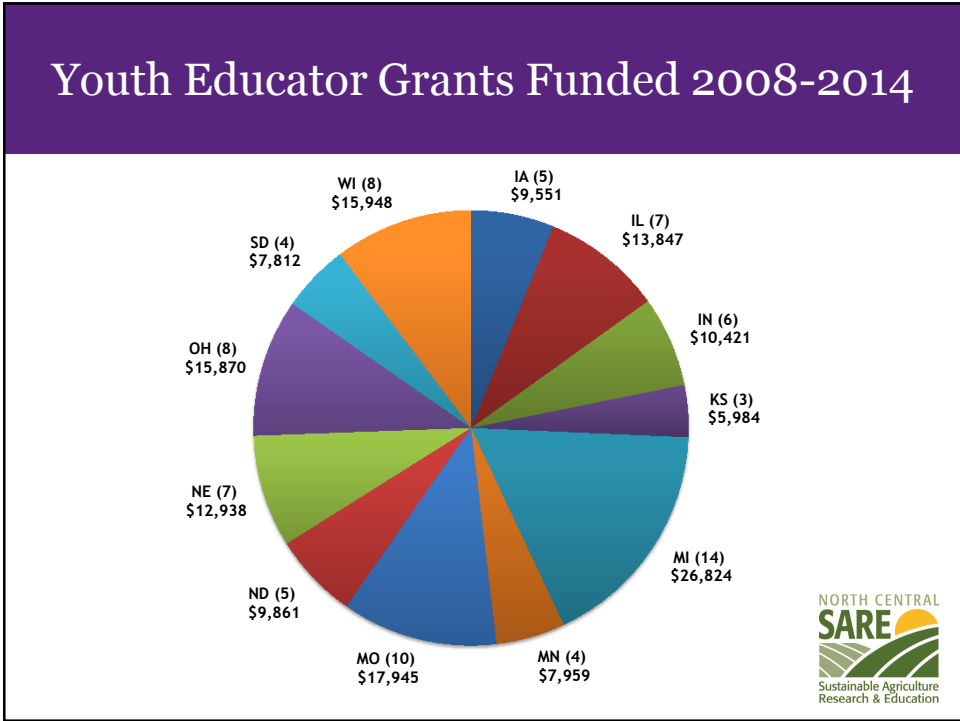
Youth Educator Grants

- Grants for young people and educators to understand sustainable practices and see sustainable agriculture as a viable career option
- Up to \$2000 per project
- Appropriate for vo-ag teachers or other youth educators
- 10 projects funded per year
- Coordinated by Joan Benjamin



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