Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education

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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 $13.0 million to more than 335 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...

Ohio

Project Highlight: *Glass Rooster Cannery Boosts Local Food Systems in Ohio*

Jeanine Seabrook of Glass Rooster Cannery in Sunbury, Ohio, has turned surplus produce into a thriving business, thanks to two NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher grants. The first grant helped her purchase a 40-gallon steam jacket kettle, enabling her to process 12,000 pounds of produce and create 8,000 jars in the first season. With the second grant, she added a climate-controlled holding area and additional equipment, which boosted her capacity to process over 30,000 pounds of produce and expanded her line of value-added products, including jams, pickles, and sauces.

Through these projects, Glass Rooster has provided local farmers with a new revenue stream by turning unsellable produce into shelf-stable goods, reducing waste, and extending income during the off-season. Each jar generates between $1 and $3 for both the cannery and its partners. The program's success has led to increased demand, prompting Seabrook to consider further expansion.

Seabrook's efforts have not only bolstered local economies but also fostered community connections. The cannery provides processing services to farmers, offers home canning classes, and hosts agritourism events, thereby promoting sustainable agriculture and preserving traditional food processing skills.

"SARE grants have helped our viability as a business and demonstrated that small businesses can make a positive impact on the environment when we develop relationships with each other for the benefit of all," said Seabrook. "We hope to inspire others to develop similar local hubs, duplicating our efforts around the state and beyond."

For more information on this project, see sare.org/projects and search for project numbers FNC16-1056 and FNC21-1304.

SARE in Ohio

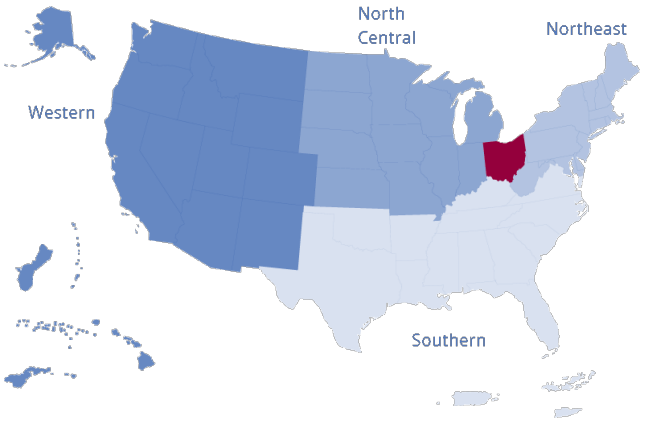
northcentral.sare.org/state-profiles/ohio/

$13,016,158 in total funding

335 grant projects

(since 1988 [1])

For a complete list of Ohio grant projects, go to 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 Ohio, 2021–2026

This is a summary of recent SARE-funded activities and impacts in the state. To search all SARE projects visit projects.sare.org. For a list of all projects in Ohio visit projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/.

Grants awarded

Total awards: **93 grants**

26	Farmer/Rancher
10	Research and Education
3	Professional Development Program
12	On Farm Research/Partnership
11	Graduate Student
24	Youth Educator
6	PDP State Program [2]
1	Community Foods Project

Total funding: **$5,590,944**

$426,829	Farmer/Rancher
$2,426,615	Research and Education
$358,824	Professional Development Program
$545,671	On Farm Research/Partnership
$191,920	Graduate Student
$131,262	Youth Educator
$869,998	PDP State Program [2]
$639,825	Community Foods Project

[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.

Farmer and rancher impacts

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

15,263 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project

597 farmers changed a practice

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Learn about local impacts at:
northcentral.sare.org/state-programs/ohio/

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 northcentral.sare.org/state-profiles/ohio/ to learn more.

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