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Western SARE
Producer Grants


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WSARE's producer competitive grants programs

- Farmer/Rancher Research & Education
- Professional + Producer Research & Education

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Poll #1

Who is on today's webinar?



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Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program goals



- Promote **good stewardship** of natural resources
- Enhance **quality of life** of producers ensure viability of rural communities
- Protect the **health and safety** of those involved in food and farm systems
- Promote **diversification** crops, livestock, enterprises
- Examine **environmental implications** of sustainable ag practices/systems

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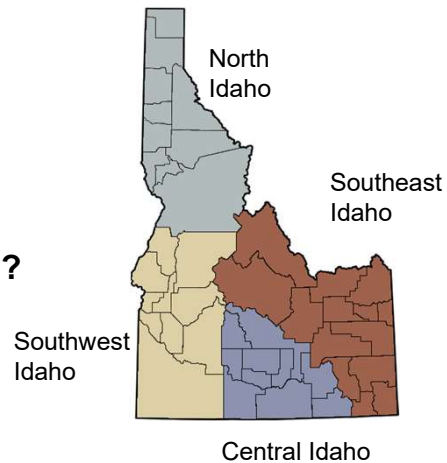
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Poll #2

Where are you located?



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Sustainable Agriculture

Integrated system of plant and animal production practices, site specific and...

- Satisfy food and fiber needs
- Enhance environmental & natural resources
- Efficient use of non-renewable and on-farm resources
- Integrate natural biological cycles & controls
- Economic sustainability
- Enhance quality of life



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You are a producer if...

- ✓ Your primary occupation is farming or ranching, and
- ✓ You have a farm/ranch tax number

OR

- ✓ You are a part-time producer, and
- ✓ You have at least \$1,000 of documented annual income from the operation

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Poll # 3

Do you have experience applying for grant funds?

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Questions about sustainable agriculture or WSARE's definition of a producer?



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Poll #4

Have you ever received or been part of a Western SARE producer grant?

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Farmer/Rancher Research & Education Grants

Eligible Applicants

- **1 or more producers** operating a for-profit operation
 - Independent & separate operations
- **1 producer** is applicant & fiscally responsible (SSN)
- Must include qualified **technical advisor**
 - Assist with development of on-farm field trial and outreach



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Technical Advisor

- ✓ Cooperative Extension educator or specialist
- ✓ USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) field staff
- ✓ Agricultural Consultant
- ✓ Nonprofit staff member
- ✓ Not one of the project producers
- ✓ Must submit a resume



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Farmer/Rancher Grants

Producers involved from start to finish - planning, design, implementation and educational outreach

- Innovative on-farm/ranch experiments, marketing, organic production
- On-the-ground research & education
- Project results advance sustainable agriculture
- Practices will be adopted by other producers
- Deliver new knowledge to producers and professionals
- All funded reports, proposals & related information in the public domain



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Farmer/Rancher Grants

- Up to \$20,000 per proposal for single producer
- Up to \$25,000 for three or more producers
- Projects 1-3 years in length



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Farmer/Rancher Examples of funded projects

Pokey Creek Farm Elderberry Exploration

- cultivate and produce value-added elderberry products

Winter & Summer Greenhouse Production for Small-Scale Growers

- identify winter and summer vegetables to be grown in unheated, unlit field hoopouses and develop an efficient organic production method for those crops

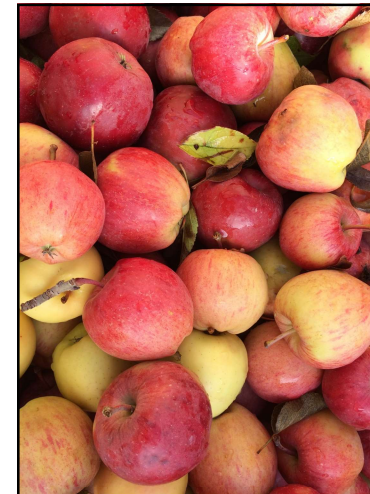
Pokey Creek Farm Elderberry Exploration



This project was funded by a Western Region SARE Producer Grant with assistance from University of Idaho Extension faculty.



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Professional + Producer



Eligible Applicants

- At least 1 **agricultural professional** (Principle Investigator & applicant)
 - Agricultural professional coordinates the project
- At least 5 **independent & separate producers** (field advisors)
 - Nonprofit farm operations may participate (not one of the 5)



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Farmer/Rancher Examples of funded projects

Does More Diverse Plant Architecture in Pollinator Habitats Influence Native Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Abundance and Diversity? (2018)

- Do plant species with divergent architecture increase native pollinator & beneficial insect diversity?
- Evaluation of 10 crops for their ability to attract pollinators & suitability to the Northwest
- Encourage growers to establish more pollinator habitat with pollinator plant groupings



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Agricultural Professional

- ✓ Capacity to conduct both research and outreach activities
- ✓ Assists producers at the local level

Cooperative Extension educator or specialist

USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) field staff

Agricultural Consultant

Nonprofit staff member



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Professional + Producer Grants

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Professional + Producer Example of funded project

Extension of Local Food Production in Idaho Using High Tunnel Technology

Three project components

1. Research on high tunnel design with the objective to improve structural integrity under conditions of high winds and snow loads
 2. Research to identify profitable crops and crop cultivars for use in Idaho high tunnel production
 3. Education on local food production using high tunnels through field days and publications.
- Team of UI Extension faculty and experienced high tunnel growers
 - Represented three regions of Idaho, northern, southwestern, and south-central
 - Three year project



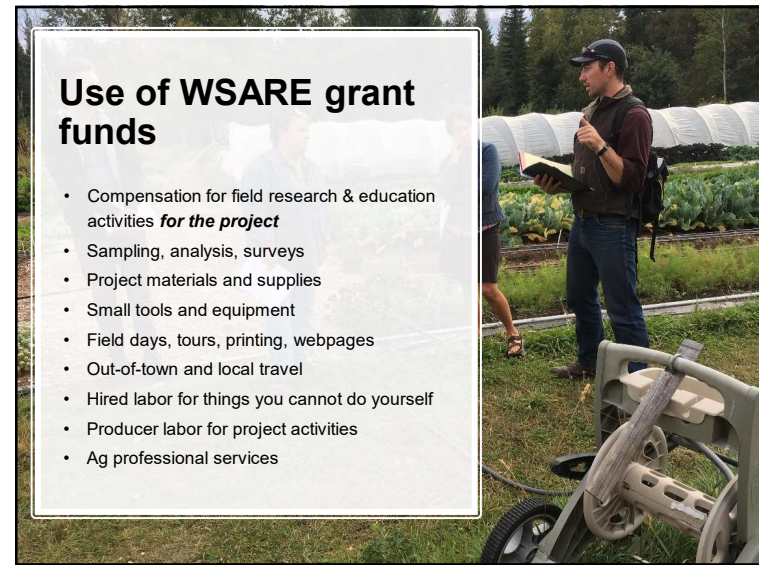
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- Projects 1-3 years in length



Use of WSARE grant funds

- Compensation for field research & education activities **for the project**
- Sampling, analysis, surveys
- Project materials and supplies
- Small tools and equipment
- Field days, tours, printing, webpages
- Out-of-town and local travel
- Hired labor for things you cannot do yourself
- Producer labor for project activities
- Ag professional services





Grant Timeline

- November 28, 2018 12:00 pm [noon] MST proposals due
- January 2019 Technical review & recommendations
- February 2019 WSARE Administrative Council makes selections
- April 2019 Informed of proposal status
- Summer 2019 Funds dispersed

Types of Grants

If after review of the different grants available, you wish to begin your application, please use the [online application system](#). Any questions, please contact:

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Learn From Funded Projects

Find out more about the goals, outcomes and accomplishments of Western-SARE funded projects by searching [subject reports](#), reading [summaries](#) of funded grants since 2003 or viewing [handouts](#) from the seven subregional conferences.

Available Grants

<https://www.westernsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants>



Questions? Project Ideas?

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TECHNICAL BULLETIN

How to Conduct Research on Your Farm or Ranch

2nd Edition

Introduction

When Rich Bennett returned to the family farm in the 1970s to help his father, he faced some significant challenges. Poor soils and excessive fertilizer costs were straining the farm's bottom line. As a result, he began looking into new ways of farming that could improve his land and improve the profitability of the business. Eventually, he succeeded. After mentoring with lower commercial fertilizer rates and incorporating cover crops, his grain rotation, Bennett decided to first seed red clover into his winter to supply crop nutrients and enhance soil quality. In the end, he reduced his fertilizer costs by more than half.

When starting out, Bennett had his own ideas, and he gathered sources, but in the end, what dictated the changes he went through?

On farm research.

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©2018 Western SARE. Bennett said, "I'm..."

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Increasing the number and success of small farmers and ranchers in Idaho.

The vision of the Cultivating Success™ program is to increase producer and consumer understanding, value, and support of sustainable local farming systems in Idaho through educational and experiential opportunities. Partners in this program strive to create strong communities with infrastructures that provide the resources and skills needed to produce local and sustainable food and agricultural products for the residents of the Inland Northwest.

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Lauren Golden and Colette DePheps, University of Idaho Extension
Scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 @ 11 am PST / Noon MST
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Idaho Farm Link
Marti Miller, Rural Roots, and Colette DePheps, University of Idaho Extension
Scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2018 @ 11 am PST / Noon MST
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Direct Marketing
Jennifer Weir, University of Idaho Extension
Scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 @ 11 am PST / Noon MST
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Land Access
Colette DePheps, Community Food Systems Area Educator, University of Idaho Extension, Northern District
and Marti Miller, Executive Director of Rural Roots, Inc.
Recorded on Monday, February 12, 2018.
[Watch the Recorded Webinar](#)

Cover Crops for Idaho Small Farms

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