

Try a New Idea on Your Farm — with Help from a SARE Grant!

Do you have a question or idea you'd like to test on your farm with the grant funding? The **Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Program** offers up to **\$30,000** to help farmers explore new practices, test ideas, and share what they learn with others.

I'm looking for local farmers interested in **working together to co-create** simple on-farm research projects. We can shape an idea that fits your farm while also meeting the grant requirements — making it workable for both you and the funding agency.

Some examples of project ideas could include:

- **Testing** different planting dates or seeding depths
- **Comparing** fertilizer rates or timing (for example, splitting nitrogen two or three times during the season)
- **Trying** carbon-based soil amendments to see their effect on crop growth/soil health
- **Comparing** tillage systems like strip-till vs. no-till
- **Evaluating** different cover crops or termination timings

The grant can help cover costs such as:

- Farmer labor or stipends for your time
- Supplies and materials (seed, fertilizer, testing kits, sensors, etc.)
- Soil or plant testing
- Equipment rental or consultant fees
- Outreach activities (like field days or printed materials to share results)

If you've ever wondered, "*What would happen if I tried it this way?*" — this is your chance to find out, with funding to help make it possible.

Proposals due: December 9, 2025

Funding available: Up to \$30,000 per project

Open to farmers in the Northeast

Learn more here ➡ <https://northeast.sare.org/FarmerGrantCall>

If you're interested or even just curious, **reach out!**

I'd love to talk through your ideas and **work with you to co-develop a project** that makes sense for your farm and fits the grant program.

— Best regards, Ramandeep Kumar Sharma, County Agent III

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