

Kansas 2007 NCR-SARE Report

Summary:

Water quality, agritourism, community-based food systems and underserved audiences were priority projects of the 2007 Kansas SARE Program.

The water quality project featured two tours highlighting land management practices which improve water quality. PDP stakeholders representing state agencies, lenders, conservation districts, Extension and non-profit organizations cooperated to organize the tours.

The agritourism project was planned to increase capacity of Extension educators to serve agritourism operators. The role and responsibilities of Extension and local community development efforts to develop agritourism programming are led by agritourism project coordinator, Ben Allen.

A value-added stakeholder group met early in 2007 to facilitate networks supporting community-based food systems. A grant proposal 'Building Value-Added Markets' is under review by the NCR SARE technical committee. Farmers' market training for market managers and leadership was conducted in cooperation with the Kansas Rural Center.

A goal of K-State Research and Extension is to improve inclusion of underserved audiences in the Extension process. The Kansas SARE Program has supported this goal through travel scholarships to the NCR SARE PDP Project 'Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food System' workshop and partial scholarships to participate in an immersion trip to Mexico. The immersion trip scholarship recipients report the addition of a Hispanic person to their county Program Development Council (PDC), and 383 people in 9 different groups were trained to better understand the culture, beliefs and agricultural practices of Spanish speaking audiences.

Kansas has participated in the preparation for the 2008 National SARE Conference by organizing farm tour routes and identifying tour leaders. Kansas SARE Coordinator Jana Beckman also served on the committee, identifying topics and speakers for a conference session specifically targeting PDP stakeholders.

Kansas SARE Coordinators are Pat Murphy, Interim K-State Research and Extension ANR Program Leader and Jana Beckman, Coordinator of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops.

Approach, Method, and Activities

The 2007 Kansas plan of work included three new initiatives; water quality, agritourism and grape production. The Kansas SARE Program engaged with new stakeholders from wildlife, conservation and lending to assist planning of new programs. Organizations and agencies play different roles in serving producers. Program planning activities provided an opportunity to learn about other organizations programs and policies. Involving a broader spectrum of PDP stakeholders in program planning and evaluation increased our ability to serve producers.

The water quality project revealed differences that impact the effectiveness of programming. In east central Kansas, the stakeholders were accustomed to programming direct to producers. The idea of organizing an event just for educators was new. In north central Kansas, the educators stated that producers rarely attend their events. Cooperating with the Kansas Graziers

Association resulted in attendance that was half educators and half producers at the north central tour. The north central educators indicated the quality of the tour was improved because of the meaningful interaction between educator and producer.

In east central Kansas, a planning committee consisting of conservation district staff, NRCS staff and Extension educators cooperated to co-sponsor the *First Annual Land and Water Stewardship Day Tour* on September 18th. Fifty-six educators attended the tour that included sessions on timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat management, no-till and conservation tillage systems, livestock watering systems and a presentation by the Pomona Lake Corp of Engineers. The evaluation revealed that many participants were unfamiliar with the practices used by the Corp for water quality. Information was gathered regarding the intent of the participants to use the information, conduct educational programs and work directly with producers. (Table 1, page 7) Evaluation follow-up will be conducted 6-12 months after the tour. The 2nd annual tour highlighting water quality issues related to the urban/rural interface is being planned for 2008 in adjacent counties.

In spite of concern that the tour in north central Kansas might become a general audience event, the tour was one of the best activities of the year. Forty-three individuals stood in a steady rain during the afternoon to discuss cost-share programs and practices to improve water quality. The experience was a lesson learned that effective training can include activities with interaction between producers and educators as well as 'educators only' activities. A tour is being planned for 2008 targeting educators and with the inclusion of producers.

The agritourism project began October 1, 2007. Project Coordinator, Ben Allen, Chautauqua County Extension Agent, is spending 12% time on professional development for agritourism. Allen has learned of the need to identify resources in the private sector as well as the public sector to support agritourism programming. Allen also serves on the Community Development Program Focus Team, and plans to hold SARE activities in conjunction with other community development training events. The project coordinator intends to lead efforts securing funding from other sources in order to continue the agritourism project beyond the 2008 SARE POW funding.

The grape production and viticulture workshop has not come together. Missouri Extension has several grape production workshops scheduled for 2008. There has been discussion that sending Kansas educators to Missouri on travel scholarships might be a better investment of time. Highland Community College now offers a course titled 'Introduction to Viticulture and Enology.' Circumstances have changed since the 2007 Plan of Work was submitted, and other resources are providing grape production and viticulture training opportunities. If it is deemed prudent to conduct a SARE-sponsored workshop in Kansas, the event will be in 2009.

In the last year, K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) has developed a more formalized plan to address deficiencies in educating underserved populations. In 2006, three travel scholarships to participate in the Michigan State sponsored trip to study Mexican culture were awarded. One recipient reports the addition of a Hispanic member to a county Program Development Council, and submittal of a grant to further their work in serving diverse audiences. A second recipient has conducted training of 383 people in 9 different groups to better understand the culture, beliefs and agricultural practices of Spanish speaking audiences. The Kansas SARE Program

awarded three travel scholarships to educators attending the NCR SARE PDP Project 'Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food System' workshop held October 18-19. The Kansas SARE Program will continue to be a partner and resource for the system wide effort.

A sub-committee of the Kansas SARE Advisory Committee defined intended outcomes and determined guidelines, requirements and recipients of the Kansas SARE Youth Program. Six Kansas SARE Youth Program awards were distributed in April. Two recipients have completed their projects and submitted project reports. Two projects were negatively impacted by the April freeze. Two reports are past due. The four projects that remain uncompleted or unreported will be followed into 2008. Submitting a proposal and budget and reporting the result has been a learning experience for all the students involved.

The Kansas SARE Program has facilitated networks supporting community-based food systems. A value-added stakeholder group met early in 2007 and a resulting grant proposal 'Building Value-Added Markets' is under review by the NCR SARE R&E technical committee. Farmers' market training for market managers and leadership was conducted in cooperation with the Kansas Rural Center on February 5. The workshop was funded with NCR SARE Competitive PDP 'Grow Your Farmers' Market' and USDA Risk Management grant funds. Extension educators in Reno and Sedgwick Counties used a mini-grant to fund a farmers' market manager track at a farmers' market workshop held March 14. Registration fees covered other meeting expenses. The Kansas SARE travel scholarship program awarded two travel scholarships to attend the National Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Annual Conference held November 1-3 in Overland Park. Networking with stakeholders resulted in definition for the 2008 POW related to small scale food processing.

Feedback from stakeholders has reinforced the need for ongoing marketing of the Kansas SARE Program to stakeholders. PDP stakeholders are overloaded with emails, calls and multiple responsibilities. It is crucial that stakeholders receive regular reminders of how the Kansas SARE Program can benefit them and their programs. The travel scholarship program is promoted every month using the county agent list serve. In an attempt to increase the awareness of the Kansas SARE travel scholarship program, two groups beyond Extension were targeted in 2007. The Kansas Rural Center and Kansas Forest Service staffs were made aware of the travel scholarship program. Individuals from both organizations applied and were awarded scholarships.

Mini-grant Program

The Kansas SARE Advisory Committee made recommendations to alter the mini-grant application. The application will include the information requested from the region as well as additional information requested by the advisory committee. Four awards were made in 2007. (Table 4)

Travel Scholarships and Honorariums

- 33 travel scholarships or travel honorariums were awarded. (Table 3)

Speaker Honorariums

- No Speaker Bureau awards were made. Most applicants were requesting funds for general audience purposes. Requests for PDP eligible projects were asked to use the mini-grant form.

Producer Grant Writing Workshops and Promotion

In addition to the press release issued by the region, the SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program was promoted to county Extension offices. Many offices included the information in county newsletters or columns. A press release promoting the grant writing workshop was released through K-State Research and Extension News. Fourteen farmer rancher grants were submitted from Kansas, up from 11 in 2006.

- Nine individuals attended the SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant Writing Workshop held October 30 in Russell, Kansas.

Promotion of SARE and sustainable agriculture

- Preparation and distribution of two news releases promoting SARE sponsored activities.
- A bioenergy section was added to the Reference Library.
- The Kansas SARE Program web site will be designed and launched in 2008. The new site will have a unique URL - www.kansassare.org.
- SARE Grant Proposals were advertised through list serves, newsletters and news releases.

Coordination with SARE and Other Sustainable Agriculture Grant Projects in Kansas.

- Growing Growers of Kansas City Project –serve on Growing Growers Advisory Board.
- Grow Your Farmers Market – assist project coordinator to identify participants and coordinate the Grow Your Farmers Market project with the Kansas Farmers' Market Vendor training sessions.
- Eligible participants of the 'Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food System' workshop were supported with travel scholarships.
- Organic Production in the Great Plains – a venue and key contact has been identified to present the organic production training to an Extension educator audience.

Previous Plan of Work Outcomes

- Two counties have initiated meat goat production programs.
- Slice of Agriculture is being implemented in Johnson County.
- Low-stress animal handling programming has been implemented in two counties.
- The Smith Center Farmers' Market was established in 2006 with assistance from a SARE mini-grant. The county Extension agent delivered programs or activities that resulted in 25% of Smith County residents learning about the benefits of the farmers' market and local food systems. Local producers' access to markets was increased by 50%.
- As a result of knowledge gained through travel scholarships to attend the 2006 and 2007 Great Plains Vegetable Conference, non-profit organization stakeholder, Cheryl Patton, assisted the Emporia Farmers' Market increase sales by 20% and 400 additional shoppers attended the market.

Kansas SARE Advisory Committee

The committee met November 20, 2007 to discuss training and resource needs of Kansas SARE PDP stakeholders and to brainstorm new approaches for the 2008 POW. New members include Jerry Jost and Karl Harborth. The investment in 2006 to educate the committee about eligible PDP stakeholders and activities has been fruitful. The committee provided ideas for projects, partnerships and other guidance to the program. Committee members were asked during the year to review travel scholarship and mini-grant applications.

Other Information:

K-State Research and Extension Professional Development Program

The creation of the K-State Research and Extension Professional Development Program is impacting strategies and tactics of the Kansas SARE Program. A professional development catalog now exists, and proposals must be submitted and reviewed before listed in the catalog. For activities with Extension educators as the target audience, proposals are due in August. In the fall, Extension educators finalize personal professional development plans with area Extension directors. The 2008 National SARE Conference was included in the catalog, and Extension educators have indicated interest in attending.

Program Evaluation

A summary of Kansas SARE Program impacts from 2003 through 2006 was completed prior to the June 2007 Administrative Council meeting. Also, results of the 2003 and 2007 Educator Surveys were compared. (Table 3, page 10)

NCR SARE Application Forms

The application forms were technical challenges for some applicants. Depending on the email client software, the procedure to submit was different. The coordinator would spend time answering questions related to technology, rather than the SARE Program. During 2007, the application and post event forms were all recreated in Adobe 8.0 and saved with the ‘enable’ feature activated. Now, applicants can use Adobe Reader 8.1 and use the ‘save a copy’ feature to complete the forms and submit as an email attachment.

Kansas implemented the new application forms, including specific evaluation questions in July 2006. Six to 12 month post event surveys were requested from travel scholarship recipients with activities held July 2006 through July 2007.

6-12 Month Post Event Survey Data Summary (July 2006 through July 2007)	
19 respondents (76%) of 25	
84% answered client and other educator questions	
42% developed new contacts and partners for work	
74% incorporated new ideas and information into regular programming	
53 % developed special or new programming	
68 % used information in newsletters, newspaper columns and/or radio programs	
11 % other:	
	New Hispanic PDC member added to council
	2 grant proposals were submitted

Table 1. Progress Towards Expected Outcomes

Expected Outcome	Activities	Output	Outcome Measure
<p>Program Coordination Outcomes</p> <p><u>Awareness</u> The general public and appropriate targeted audiences will be aware of SARE and SARE funded projects and gain knowledge of the impact of those projects.</p> <p>The appropriate target stakeholders will be aware of the NCR SARE grant program opportunities and application deadlines.</p> <p>Key producers, Extension educators and other agricultural professionals are aware and have knowledge of sustainable agriculture and the resources available through SARE and KCSAAC.</p> <p><u>Change in Behavior</u> Extension educators, project leaders and the Kansas SARE Coordinator will cooperate to host SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant Writing Workshops.</p> <p>Educators will utilize the reference library, Kansas SARE Program, Calendar of Events and other information on the KCSAAC web site.</p>	<p>Maintenance of KCSAAC Web pages used by PDP stakeholders</p> <p>Press releases</p> <p>Travel Scholarship Program</p> <p>2007 Grow Your Farmers Market Workshop</p> <p>Promotion of Kansas SARE program components to stakeholders.</p> <p>Direct emails to department heads, Extension state leaders, departmental graduate student coordinators and non-profit organizations of SARE grant calls.</p> <p>Announcement of SARE grant calls included in the Kansas Rural Papers.</p> <p>Promotion to Extension educators about the benefits SARE Farmer/Rancher grants bring to local Extension programming.</p>	<p>Press releases</p> <p>KCSAAC Web site usage by page</p> <p>Networks and relationships that were strengthened or begun at the activities.</p> <p>Attendance at workshops and conferences</p> <p>Reference Library Web site usage</p> <p>Travel scholarship and mini-grant applications and surveys</p> <p>14 farmer rancher grants submitted from Kansas in December 2007. Missouri submitted 26.</p> <p>1 R&E grant proposal submitted</p> <p>Farmer Rancher Grant Writing workshop – October 30, 2007. 9 attended</p>	<p>Web page visits by page: Reference Library – 1,606 Calendar – 1,663 Kansas SARE – 1,184 Value-added Resources – 1,077 Archive – 6,192</p> <p>10 Producer Grant Writing Information for Extension Professionals distributed.</p> <p>2 press releases were issued through the K-State Research and Extension News department</p> <p><i>Evaluation: Document the number of Kansas and Missouri producers submitting proposals to the NCR SARE Farmer/Rancher grant. Track travel scholarships and mini-grants and corresponding impacts.</i></p> <p>33 travel scholarships were awarded (See individual outcomes in Table 3 and on Page 5)</p> <p>4 mini-grants awarded</p> <p>4 farmer rancher grants funded in 2007.</p>

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<p>Water Quality Project Outcomes</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Awareness</u> 25 Extension educators, state and federal agency staff and non-profit stakeholders will be knowledgeable about water quality protection and conservation best management practices and county, state and federal and private resources available to producers who implement water quality protection and conservation best management practices in east central and north central Kansas.</p> <p><u>Change in Behavior</u> 10 Extension educators, state and federal agency staff and non-profit stakeholders will advise individual land owners on water quality protection and conservation best management practices in east central and north central Kansas and will make referrals to the appropriate agencies.</p>	<p>Washington County Tour August 24, 2007</p> <p>Land and Water Stewardship Day Tour September 18, 2007</p>	<p>New contacts within Kansas Assn of Conservation Districts, KDWP and NRCS, Washington County</p> <p>Cooperation between Kansas SARE Program, Franklin and Osage County Conservation Districts, Osage County NRCS and KSRE.</p> <p>113 tour participants</p>	<p>56 attended the Land and Water Stewardship Day Tour</p> <p><i>Evaluation: Pre and post event survey results:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact - Self-rated knowledge increase for 9 tour presentations. • Impact - Plan to use information in work: 73% - answer client questions 50% - develop new contacts 40% - use in programming 23% - use in newsletters 13% - develop special programming <p>Intent to conduct educational programs within 12 months Average 3.6 Intent to work individually with producers within 12 months Average 3.9 (1=No Intent and 5= Very Intent)</p> <p><i>6 and 12 month follow-up slated for August 2008.</i></p>
<p>Grape and Viticulture Project Outcomes</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Attitude</u> 15 stakeholders will be knowledgeable about the process and resources required to establish a vineyard.</p> <p>15 stakeholders will be aware of print and web resources for grape producers.</p> <p>10 stakeholders will have increased confidence in answering client questions.</p>	<p>Stakeholders were advised of Missouri and Nebraska educational courses. No SARE-sponsored activities were held.</p>		

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<p>Agritourism Project Outcomes</p> <p><u>Knowledge</u> 50 agriculture professionals will acquire knowledge and working skills to assist producers assess the agri-tourism potential of their farm & family.</p> <p>50 agriculture professionals will gain perspective and greater appreciation for role of agri-tourism in developing local food sources, capturing the value of natural resources and the potential impact of agri-tourism on the local community.</p> <p><u>Change in Behavior</u> 15 agriculture professionals will know of available agri-tourism resources and will refer producers to those resources.</p> <p>5 agriculture professionals will assist a producer to evaluate their potential or existing agri-tourism enterprise</p> <p>5 agriculture professionals will incorporate agri-tourism into their regular professional activities including newsletters, columns and answering client questions.</p>	<p>Agritourism stakeholder team meeting October 15, 2007.</p> <p>Conference call with AT project coordinator, SARE Coordinator and Community Development Program Focus Team Leader, December 3, 2007</p>	<p>Cooperation with Community Development Program Focus Team</p>	<p>Project started October 1, 2007.</p> <p>First AT training scheduled for February, 2008</p>
<p>Underserved Audience Project Outcomes</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Awareness</u> K-State Research and Extension will become aware of the presence and identity of diverse and underserved audiences and the training and outreach needs related to sustainable agriculture.</p> <p>K-State Research and Extension staff will have increased knowledge of the culture and opportunities with underserved audiences. The staff will use this information to implement local programming to underserved audiences.</p>	<p>Award three travel scholarships for stakeholders attending ‘Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food System’ NCR SARE PDP grant project</p> <p>Travel scholarships to Mexico’s Culture trip</p> <p>Kansas SARE Youth Award Program</p>	<p>New Hispanic PDC board member</p> <p>Information on understanding culture of Spanish-speaking audiences presented to 9 groups and 383 people.</p> <p>Six Kansas SARE Youth Award recipients</p>	<p><i>Evaluation: gather through formal and informal methods:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact – new training on the culture of Spanish-speaking audiences implemented. • Impact – Extension educator adding diversity to PDC board. <p>Impact – 6 high school students with experience in requesting grant funds and project reporting.</p>

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<p>Community Based Food System Project Outcomes</p> <p><u>Knowledge</u> Pilot community leaders, state agency, Kansas Rural Center and K-State Research and Extension personnel will increase their knowledge and understanding of common challenges to implement community food system elements such as school gardens, school lunch programs, farmers markets, farm-to-institution and local food production.</p> <p>K-State Research and Extension, Kansas Rural Center and other SARE stakeholders will work with the KSU Center for Engagement and other rural development partners to increase knowledge and skills in developing community food system projects.</p> <p><u>Change in Behavior</u> Key pilot community leaders, state agency, Kansas Rural Center, K-State Research and Extension staff and other key members of the Kansas Food Policy Council will develop relationships and networks in support of community food system projects.</p>	<p>Grow Your Farmers’ Market Workshop, February 5, 2007 NCR SARE PDP grant project</p> <p>Networking and encouraging facilitation</p> <p>Value-added Stakeholder group planning sessions and conference calls.</p> <p>Mini-grant for farmers’ market manager track at workshop</p> <p>Travel scholarships to NFMNP Conference</p>	<p>Farmers’ Market workshop Press release</p> <p>90 attended the Grow Your Farmers’ Market Workshop.</p> <p>Building Value-Added Markets SARE R&E grant proposal</p> <p>Farmers’ market manager track at Central Kansas Farmers’ Market workshop</p>	<p><i>Evaluation: Monitor impacts of farm to school projects that result from June 2006 SARE Farm to Institution workshop.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact: Kansas River Valley Food Web site launched in 2007. <p><i>Evaluation: Track partnerships and networks that result in cooperative grant submittals and community development activities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact - Farmers’ market grant awarded through Center for Engagement grant program. • Impact – Building Value-added Markets SARE R&E grant proposal submitted. <p><i>Evaluation: Monitor progress made in pilot communities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact - The Smith Center Farmers’ Market was established in 2006 with assistance from a SARE mini-grant. The county Extension agent delivered programs or activities that resulted in 25% of Smith County residents learning about the benefits of the farmers’ market and local food systems. Local producers’ access to markets was increased by 50%.

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<p>Educator Survey</p> <p><u>Change in Behavior</u> Extension educators will utilize their knowledge of practices and available resources to implement local activities with the intent of impacting producer and consumer practices.</p>	<p>2003 & 2007 Educator surveys</p> <p>Compilation of Kansas SARE Program reports from 2003 – 2006.</p>	<p>2003- 100 respondents</p> <p>2007- 113 respondents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact - 29% of travel scholarship recipients have implemented new sustainable agriculture programming, 36% have incorporated information into existing programming. • Impact – Extension educators have utilized Kansas SARE Program mini-grants to design and install 11 sustainable agriculture programs. Six of the programs have been incorporated into ongoing Extension programming. On average, Kansas SARE mini-grants leveraged funds from other state and local sources to equal the amount of SARE funds used in the mini-grant projects. • Impact – Measured level of technical knowledge 2003 versus 2007 Educator Survey Management Intensive Grazing – decrease from 79% knowledgeable or expert to 51% Agroforestry – similar levels of 20% and 19% Local Food Systems – increase of 22% knowledgeable or expert to 34%. • Impact – Within the last 2 year, delivered 2 or more programs targeted to farms with gross sales of les than \$250,00 increased from 28% to 43%
<p><u>Change in Behavior</u> 50% of Extension educators who have participated in Kansas SARE activities will have one-on-one interactions with local producers about implementing sustainable practices.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact - 44% have used their expanded knowledge of sustainable agriculture to work one-on-one with producers.

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Table 2. 2007 Kansas SARE Advisory Committee

2007 Kansas SARE Committee Members	Affiliation
Trudy Rice	County Extension Educator and Kansas AC representative
Mary Fund	Kansas Rural Center and producer
Mary Howell	Kansas Graziers Association Executive Secretary and producer
Glenn Brunkow	County Extension Educator and producer
Sarah Larison	Kansas Department of Commerce – state agency
Karen Pendleton	Key educator
Donn Teske	Key educator
Charlie Barden	State Extension Specialist, Forestry
Pat Murphy	Kansas SARE Coordinator and ANR Program Leader
Jana Beckman	KCSAAC and Kansas SARE Coordinator
Ron Seyfert	County Extension Educator and producer
Jerry Jost	Kansas Rural Center
Kerri Ebert	K-State Research and Extension Associate
Cliff Spaeth	State Extension Specialist, Sheep

Table 3. Travel Scholarship Report

Educator Name	Affiliation	Funds Awarded	Attendance	Outcome
				Outcome information from 6-12 month follow-up
Debra Bolton	Southeast Area Extension Office	\$500	Mexico's People, Culture and Immigration Issues	Used information for better communication with Spanish-speaking audiences. Presented cultural workshop to 9 groups and 383 people.
Mary Sullivan	Grant County Extension Educator	\$600	Mexico's People, Culture and Immigration Issues	Answered client questions, developed new contacts, used information in programming, added a Hispanic PDC board member.
Christa Mulder	Norton Conservation District, K-State KELP Program and Norton WRAPS	\$800	Environmental Leadership	New programming implemented with 80 people attending.
Jeff Davidson	Greenwood County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$320	Renewable Energy Options Conference	Answered client questions, developed new contacts, incorporated information into programming, used information in newsletters and newspaper columns.
Carmen Stauth	Kiowa County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$150	Renewable Energy Options Conference	Answered client questions and developed new contacts. Met with commissioner to discuss bio fuels plant development in the area.
David Key	Nemaha County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$250	Renewable Energy Options Conference	Answered client questions and used information in newsletters and newspaper columns.
Karl Harborth	Southeast Area Extension Livestock Specialist	\$500	Langston University Goat Field Day	Did not attend.
Joel DeRouchey	Northeast Area Extension Water Quality/Livestock Specialist	\$300	Midwestern Section, American Society of Animal Science	6-12 month survey information not available.
Twig Marston	Extension Livestock Specialist	\$300	Midwestern Section, American Society of Animal Science	Increased knowledge of controlling water quality around feeding sites. Used information in all aspects of job duties.
Cheryl Patton	The Learning Connection A non-profit group in Lyon County	\$465	2007 Great Plains Vegetable Conference and High Tunnel Workshop	Cheryl estimates that the Emporia Farmers Market sales increased 50% during April because of an extended selling season and increased customer traffic.
Lisa French	Reno County Conservation District	\$200	Basic Stream Bank Assessment Workshop	Worked with farmers and watershed staff members to measure erosion rates on streambanks. Has answered client questions, developed new contacts, used information in newsletters and added information to programming.
Cade Rensink	Coffey County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$300	ABGA Certification Program	Cade is now certified to judge ABGA livestock events. Cade is also serving as a judge and speaker for Kansas meat goat events. Information is incorporated into new programs and enhanced existing programs.

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Paige Alexander	Haskell County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$500	Beef Improvement Federation	6-12 month survey information not available.
Evelyn Neier	Sedgwick County Extension Educator	\$800	International Master Gardener's Conference	Learned food crop horticultural teaching techniques and developed a vegetable garden in a low-income urban area.
The travel scholarships listed below were for events held after July 1, 2007.				
				Information below is from post event surveys
Whitey Whitehill	Finney County Extension Educator	\$500	2007 NACAA Meeting	Learned about horticultural production and marketing.
Connie Robinson-Clemons	Kansas Forest Service	\$315	Eastern Red Cedar: Challenge or Opportunity??	Ranks knowledge as knowledgeable. Intends to answer client questions.
Thad Rhoades	Kansas Forest Service	\$310	Eastern Red Cedar: Challenge or Opportunity??	Increased knowledge of developing local forestry product markets. Intends to answer client questions and incorporate into programming.
David Bruton	Kansas Forest Service	\$325	Eastern Red Cedar: Challenge or Opportunity??	Indicates the meeting provided good sharing of ideas and establishment of regional contacts. Intends to answer client questions and use information in newsletters.
Jeff Davidson	Greenwood County Extension Educator Agriculture Agent	\$595	King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management	Received insight on the effect of the ethanol industry and high grain prices on cattle ranchers. Indicates meeting 'exceeded my expectations.'
Jerry Jost	Kansas Rural Center	\$220	Multicultural Training – Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in LFS (SARE Competitive PDP project)	Learned that understanding cultural dynamics of Latinos is important. Intends to answer client questions, develop new contacts, incorporate information into regular programming and develop special programming.
Andrea Burns	Ford County Extension Educator	\$125	Multicultural Training – Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in LFS (SARE Competitive PDP project)	Increased knowledge from beginner to knowledgeable. Intends to use information in all aspects of her professional duties.
Rod Buchele	Southwest Area Youth Specialist	\$125	Multicultural Training – Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in LFS (SARE Competitive PDP project)	Increased knowledge from beginner to knowledgeable. Intends to answer client questions and incorporate information into programming.
Mary Sullivan	Grant County Extension Educator	\$125	Multicultural Training – Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in LFS (SARE Competitive PDP project)	Added to existing knowledge of culture and engagement of Latinos.

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Linda Chase	High School Ag Instructor	\$500	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention (December 2007)	Not available.
Rickey Roberts	Marion County Extension Agriculture Agent	\$500	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention	Not available.
Sonja Roberts	High School Ag Instructor	\$500	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention	Not available.
Gaea Wimmers	High School Ag Instructor	\$500	National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention	Intends to add unit on sensory analysis to food science curriculum.
Joe Liebbrandt	County Extension Educator	\$450	2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium	Increased knowledge base and met new contacts.
Sandy Johnson	Northwest Area Extension Livestock Specialist	\$450	2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium	Increased knowledge. Commented on new beef cow data on the impact of weight change on cyclicity and fertility.
Rick Snell	Barton County Extension Educator	\$450	2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium	Increased knowledge from knowledgeable to expert. Intends to answer client questions, add information to programming, develop special programming and use in newsletters, newspaper columns or radio.
Clint Milliman	Rooks District Extension Educator	\$450	2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium	Increased knowledge from beginner to knowledgeable. Intends to answer client questions, add information to programming and use in newsletters, newspaper columns or radio.
Janet Ratliff	Sedwick County Extension Educator	\$450	2007 Range Beef Cow Symposium	Not available.
Becki Rhoades	Kansas Dept of Commerce	\$435	2007 National Farmers Market Nutrition Program Conference	Learned different methods to promote farmers' market nutrition programs and made new contacts. Anticipates answering client questions and using the new marketing information.
Mercedes Taylor-Puckett	Key educator	\$400	2007 National Farmers Market Nutrition Program Conference	Learned about EBT card use at farmers' markets. Anticipates answering client questions and impacting local programming and events.
Troy Schroeder	Kansas Rural Center	\$440	2008 American Corn Growers Assn Meeting	Seeking information about biofuels and motivating local producers to become involved in trade policy.
Chris Petty	Marion County Extension Agriculture Agent	\$200	K-State Sheep Day	Event is in March 2008

Table 4. Mini-grant Report

Recipient	Project	Grant Participants	Funds Awarded	Outcome
Sedgwick and Reno County Extension -Pam Paulsen and Rhonda Jantz	Farmers' Market Workshop	Sedgwick and Reno County Extension	\$400	Developed educator core competencies of educational programming, engagement, leadership, organizational management, subject matter and ability to include diverse groups in planning and program development. Increased knowledge of farmers' market operation resulted in the educator answering client questions, develop new contacts, use information in newsletters and incorporate new information into existing programming.
Phillips-Rooks Extension District PI - Rachel Boyle	Meat Goat Production in NW Kansas – Held March 3, 2007	Northwest Extension Livestock Specialist, Kansas Meat Goat Assn. and a local producer who is a key educator.	\$750	New programming in place and absorbed as part of existing programming. The 2008 workshop is scheduled for March 1, 2008
Johnson County Extension – Chelsey Wasem	Integrated Pest Management to Improve Water Quality Program Development	Johnson County Extension and Johnson County Environmental Department	\$800	Development of new curriculum for reducing run-off in urban areas.
Kansas Rural Center – Jerry Jost	Marketing Your Market	Kansas Rural Center, Department of Agriculture, Kansas Farmers' Market Managers. USDA Specialty Crop Grant funds also support the project	\$2,500	Assist the leadership of Kansas farmers' markets to develop a business plan and marketing/promotion plan.
Sunflower Extension District #6 PI - Jeanne Falk	Grain Sorghum – A profitable crop for NW Kansas	District Extension Office, local seed dealers, local implement dealer, local grain sorghum producers organizations	\$750	Project was not productive due to drought in 2006. Experiment was repeated in 2007.

Table 5. SARE Workshops

Workshop Focus	Location	Attendance	Date	Type of Educational Activities
North Central Water Quality Farm Tour	Washington County Kansas	47	August 24, 2007	2 hours group discussion and instruction 2 hours experiential learning 1 hour one-on-one contact
Land and Water Stewardship Day Tour	Osage and Franklin Counties	56	September 18, 2007	2.5 hours group discussion and instruction 3 hours experiential learning 2 hours one-on-one contact
Farmer Rancher Grant Writing Workshop	Russell, KS	9	October 30, 2007	2 hours group discussion and instruction 2 hours one-on-one contact