

# Upcoming Grants for Farmers – Growing Season 2018



**Farmer Grant** - Proposals are due online by Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 11:59pm. Funded projects will be announced in March 2018 and projects may begin in the spring.

*The call for applications for 2018 Farmer Grants has been released by the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program. The grant is for farm business owners and managers who would like to explore new sustainable production and marketing practices—often through an experiment, trial or on-farm demonstration.*

*Reviewers look for innovation, potential for improved sustainability, and results that will be useful to other farmers. Awards, capped at \$15,000, may address the wide range of issues that affect farming in the Northeast. To search topics that SARE has previously funded, please access the national database of projects at: <https://projects.sare.org/search-projects/>.*

*Applicants must work with a technical advisor—typically a Cooperative Extension educator, NRCS staff, university research or extension specialist, private crop consultant, veterinarian, or other service provider—who serve the farmer applicant in a consulting capacity.*

*Application materials, including detailed instructions and supporting documents, are posted on the Northeast SARE website at <http://www.northeastsare.org>. Questions about the grants program should be directed to [northeastsare@uvm.edu](mailto:northeastsare@uvm.edu).*



**Value Added Producer Grant** - Proposals for paper applications are due January 31, 2018, online application are due January 24, 2018. The paper applications are strongly encouraged!

*The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Applicants may receive priority if they are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. This grant helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of new products. A matching fund of 50 % of total project costs is required. If you have questions, you can contact your [nearest Rural Development Office](#).*

*For detail information, how to apply and forms needed go to: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants/ny>*