

Sustainable Agriculture

More about ATTRA, SARE and AFSIC

If you have an interest in raising livestock, farming fruits and vegetables, making wine or beginning some other agricultural-related activity, you may want to learn more about sustainable agriculture. Sustainable agriculture involves systems and farm operations that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities.

ATTRA -- Technical Grants and Assistance

ATTRA calls itself the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. Created and managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) and funded under a grant from the USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service, ATTRA provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States.

SARE -- Project and Research Grants

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. The program, part of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.

AFSIC -- Library Services

The Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC) specializes in library services - locating, accessing, organizing and distributing information - related to many aspects of alternative agricultural systems, crops and livestock in support of USDA's effort to ensure a sustainable future for agriculture and farmers worldwide.

AFSIC) focuses on topics related to sustainable and alternative.