Outreach

SAREP serves farmers, farmworkers, ranchers, researchers, educators, regulators, policymakers, industry professionals, consumers and community organizations across the state by promoting scientific research that focuses on food system sustainability and making this possible and attainable through grants and outreach.

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Program Overview

The UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP) collaborates with academic and community partners to assist farmers and ranchers in developing sustainable production and marketing systems. SAREP also works with communities to build regional, healthful food systems.

SAREP was created through the grassroots efforts of organizations and individuals concerned about the environmental and health effects of agriculture and food, and the profitability of California farms. Since 1986, when the California State Legislature mandated the University of California establish SAREP, the program has awarded more than $7 million in competitive grants to 350 research, outreach and educational projects.

Issue Areas

Agriculture, Resources & the Environment

Integrating agricultural and environmental systems at the farm/ranch and landscape levels

Initiatives

- Energy and climate footprinting of food production and supply chains
- Responding to climate change
- Sustainable management of nutrients and water in agriculture landscapes
- Closing the loop: integrating sustainable waste management in agriculture
- Harnessing ecosystem services to increase agricultural sustainability

Food & Society

Integrating production, distribution and consumption in sustainable food systems

Initiatives

- Building regional markets and communities
- Community food security for low-income residents
- Food system assessment/food policy

Crosscutting Initiatives

- Sustainability benchmarks
- Farmworker wellbeing

Sustainability

“...development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs...”

— The Brundtland Commission's 1987 report “Our Common Future”

A sustainable food and agricultural system is...

innovative, adaptive and profitable...

provides healthy food for everyone...

promotes prosperity and equity for people working in agriculture and the food system and for their communities...

improves the environment and human health...

builds awareness and understanding of the food system...

and engages public participation in policy decisions affecting food and agriculture.