

Southern SARE Invites Producer and On-Farm Research Proposals

The call for proposals have been released for the 2010 Southern Region SARE Producer Grants and 2010 Southern Region SARE On-Farm Research Grants. Proposals for both programs are **due by November 15, 2009**. Obtain the calls at: <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/callpage.htm>

Southern SARE PRODUCER GRANTS are only open to farmers and/or ranchers or producer organizations. Any farmer/rancher or producer organization in the US SOUTHERN REGION is eligible to apply for the grants which have maximums of \$10,000 for individual producers and \$15,000 for producer organizations to be used within two years.

Southern SARE ON-FARM RESEARCH GRANTS are open to Extension, NRCS and NGO personnel who work with farmers. Any Extension, NRCS or NGO personnel who work with farmers in the US SOUTHERN REGION are eligible to apply for a SSARE On-Farm Research Grant. Applicants must work with at least one cooperating farmer or rancher and can apply for up to \$15,000 to be used within two years. The ON-FARM RESEARCH proposals will be accepted only through an online submission form which can be found at <http://www.southernsare.org>

While all SARE proposals must promote agricultural practices that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for rural communities, these two grant programs have identified nine broad focus areas. Proposals are invited that address: soil health, beneficial insect habitat, alternative crops/livestock, organic agriculture, marketing, sustainable grazing systems, improving the sustainability of existing farming practices, appropriate technology, and agroforestry.

The Southern Region is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Full information and instructions can be found in the calls for proposals.

A copy of the calls for proposals can be obtained on the web at: <http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/callpage.htm> or by sending an email request to info@southernsare.org

