

- Feb 13-14 - PSA Growers Training Crowley/Lake Charles
- Feb 20-21 - PSA Growers Training Shreveport/Red River
- Mar 21-22 - Women in Agriculture Conference - Alexandria
- May (TBD) Back to Your Roots Sustainable Agriculture Conference - Ruston
- May (TBD) St. Helena Field Day
- Summer (TBD) Field Days with Grow Louisiana Beginning Farmer Training
- Nov 26 - Fall Garden Workshop - Baton Rouge
- We need suggestions for other future trainings - What events do you want to see SARE put on or involved in?
 - Growing Organic Acadian Brown Cotton - Farmer training and inform the public on farm to fashion, sustainable fabrics
 - Agriculture Professional Services - farmers need more knowledge and connections to resources for financial advice and assistance- CPA's, Legal, Insurance
 - Farm Bus Tour - Urban farm tour, small farm tour, permaculture tour, etc
 - Local Food & Certifications - and open class on the differing food safety certifications, their meanings, costs, how to get them - for farmers and consumers
 - Value-added products training

Contact:

- Louisiana SARE Facebook has 450 followers, reaching 4,500+ individuals
 - Louisiana SARE listserv contains 240+ contacts statewide. Send contacts to smelhado@agcenter.lsu.edu or sign up through Facebook.
- <https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaSARE/app/100265896690345/>

Feedback:

- Please share one want/need from LA SARE program
- Help us identify shortcomings and successes
 - We need better communication across all fronts, especially from the LSU AgCenter in general. LA SARE will put in an effort to increase event visibility as well as promoting non-AgCenter events.
 - All partners are encouraged to send flyers, blurbs, and emails about sustainable agriculture and local food system-related events, trainings, lectures, opportunities to Sydney. Advertisement includes posts on facebook, emails to LA SARE listserv, emails to university extension (hort agents, anr agents, regional directors), added to Southern SARE event calendar.

New Business:

- Acadiana Food Hub has a virtual grocery store they would like to publicize - more details to be advertised soon
- Quarterly email of SARE-related events likely to start soon. Events will be uploaded to SARE website and shared to LA SARE listserv.

Thank you all for your participation, feedback, and ideas. This looks to be an exciting year in sustainable agriculture and local food systems! As always, please feel free to contact me at smelhado@agcenter.lsu.edu or 225-578-1037 with ideas, questions, issues, and feedback.

Please share the information given above with your networks. We need your help not only to come up with great events, but to spread the word to bring in the best crowd!