



North Central Region SARE Program

U of Nebraska – Lincoln

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Bill Wilcke, Regional Coordinator



Farm Bill Definition of Sustainable Agriculture:

- n An integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will over the long term,
 - n Satisfy human food and fiber needs;
 - n Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends;

Farm Bill Definition (cont.):

- n Make the most efficient use of nonrenewable resources and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls;
- n Sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and
- n Enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole.

Common Definition of Sustainable Agriculture:

- n An approach to agriculture where emphasis is given to consideration of:
 - n Economic impacts
 - n Environmental impacts
 - n Social impacts

NCR-SARE Mission:

- n Strengthen rural communities, increase farmer/rancher profitability, and improve the environment by supporting research and education.

SARE Program

- n Funds come from annual appropriations from Congress
- n Federal fiscal year; funds usually appropriated part way through the year
- n National SARE office & CSREES keep some funds; rest divided among four regions
- n NCR gets \$3 to \$4 million per yr
- n Four NCR grant programs plus smaller grant programs plus support budget

Research & Education (R&E) Program



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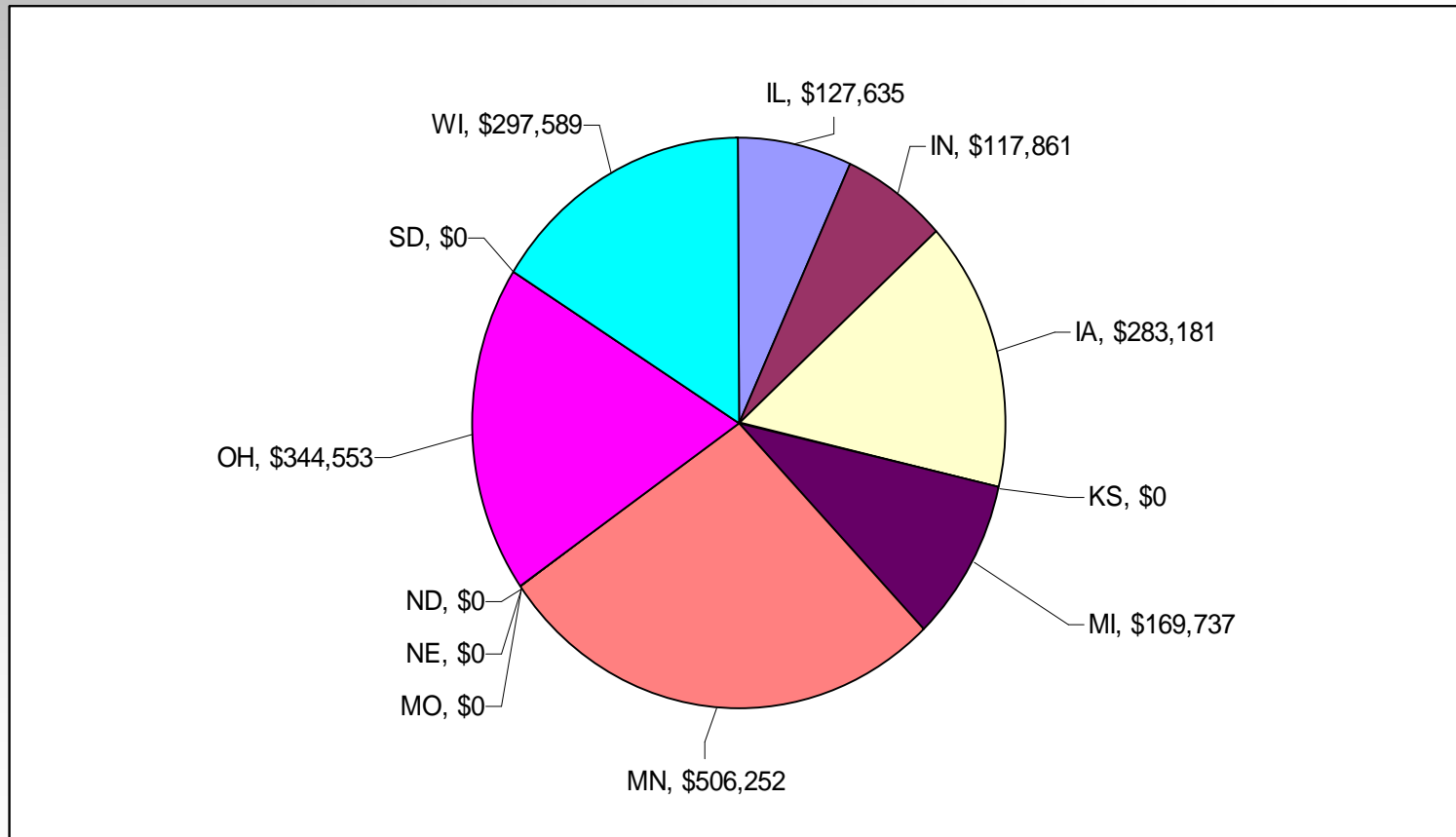
Regional Coordinator & R&E
Grant Program Manager

2008 Report

Current R&E Grant Program

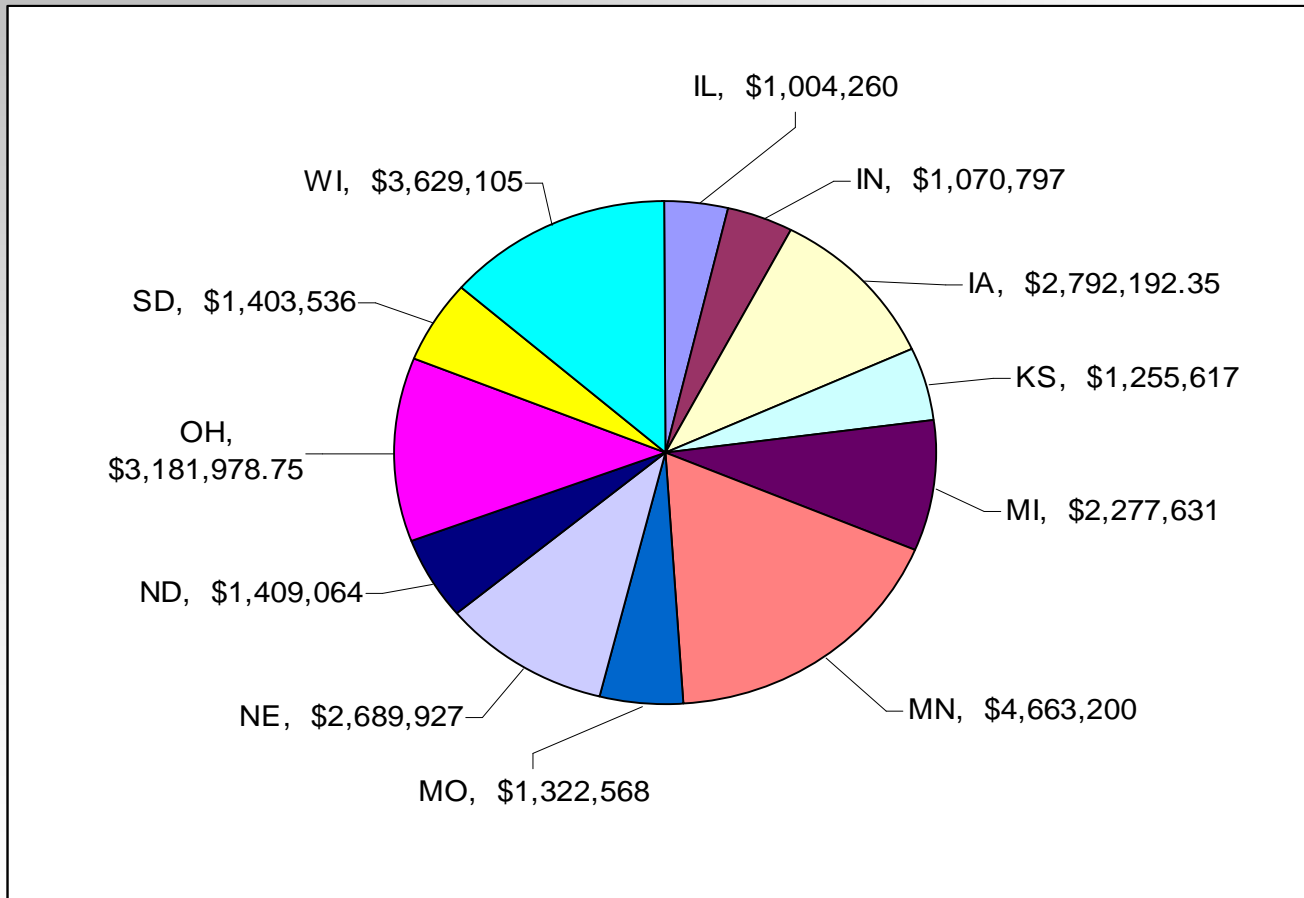
- n Grants for up to \$175,000 for up to 3 yrs
- n Can be research or education projects
- n Grants go primarily to organizations
- n Preproposals due in June
- n Invited full proposals due in October
- n Fund 12 to 15 grants per yr
- n Funding decisions March 2008

2008 R&E Dollars Funded Per State – \$ 1,846,808 Total

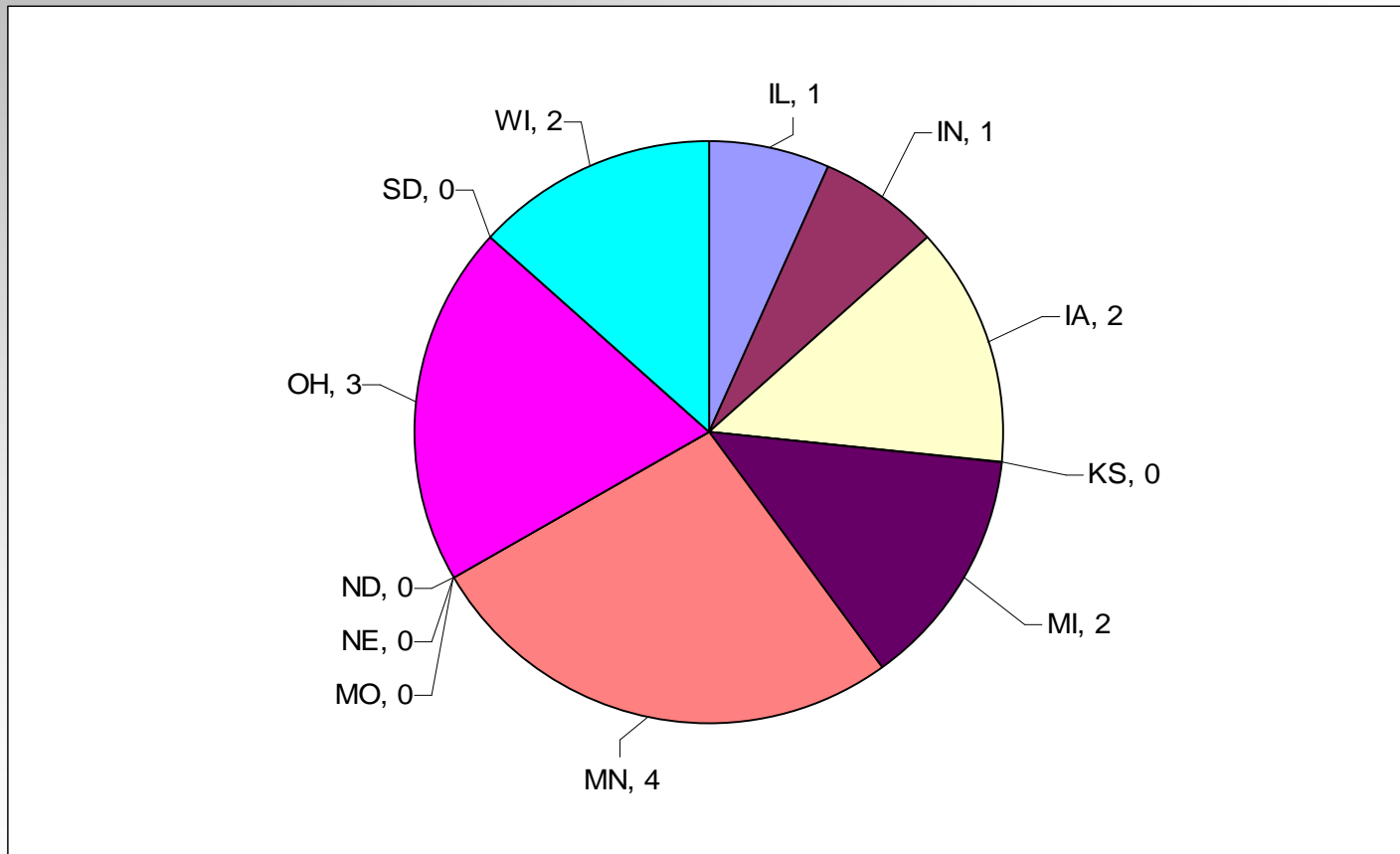


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R&E Dollars Funded Per State - \$26,699,876.10 Total to Date

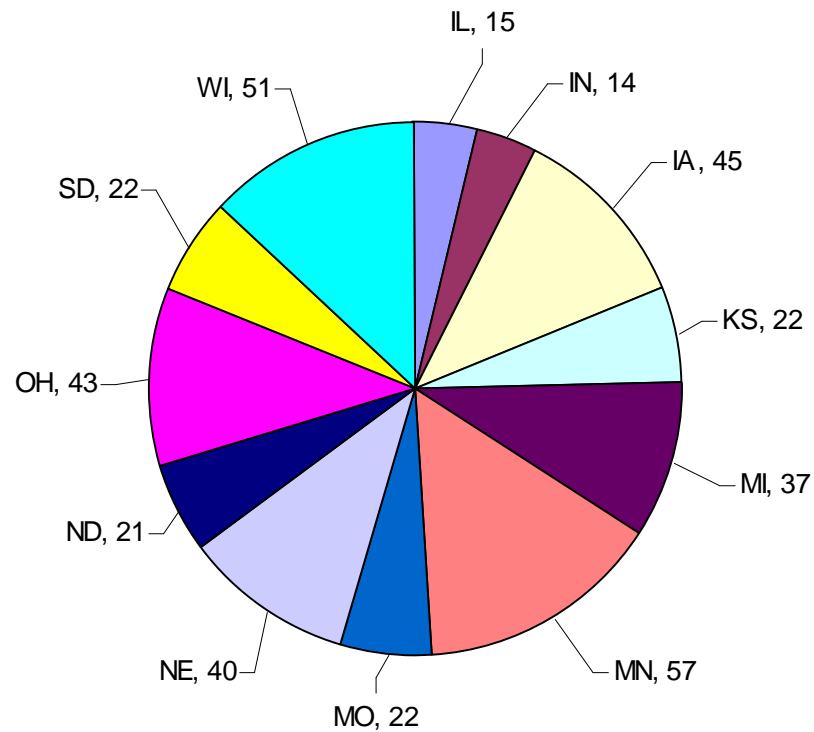


2008 R&E Projects Funded Per State - 15 Total



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R&E Projects Funded Per State – 389 Total to Date



Farmer Rancher Grant (FRG) Program



Joan Benjamin

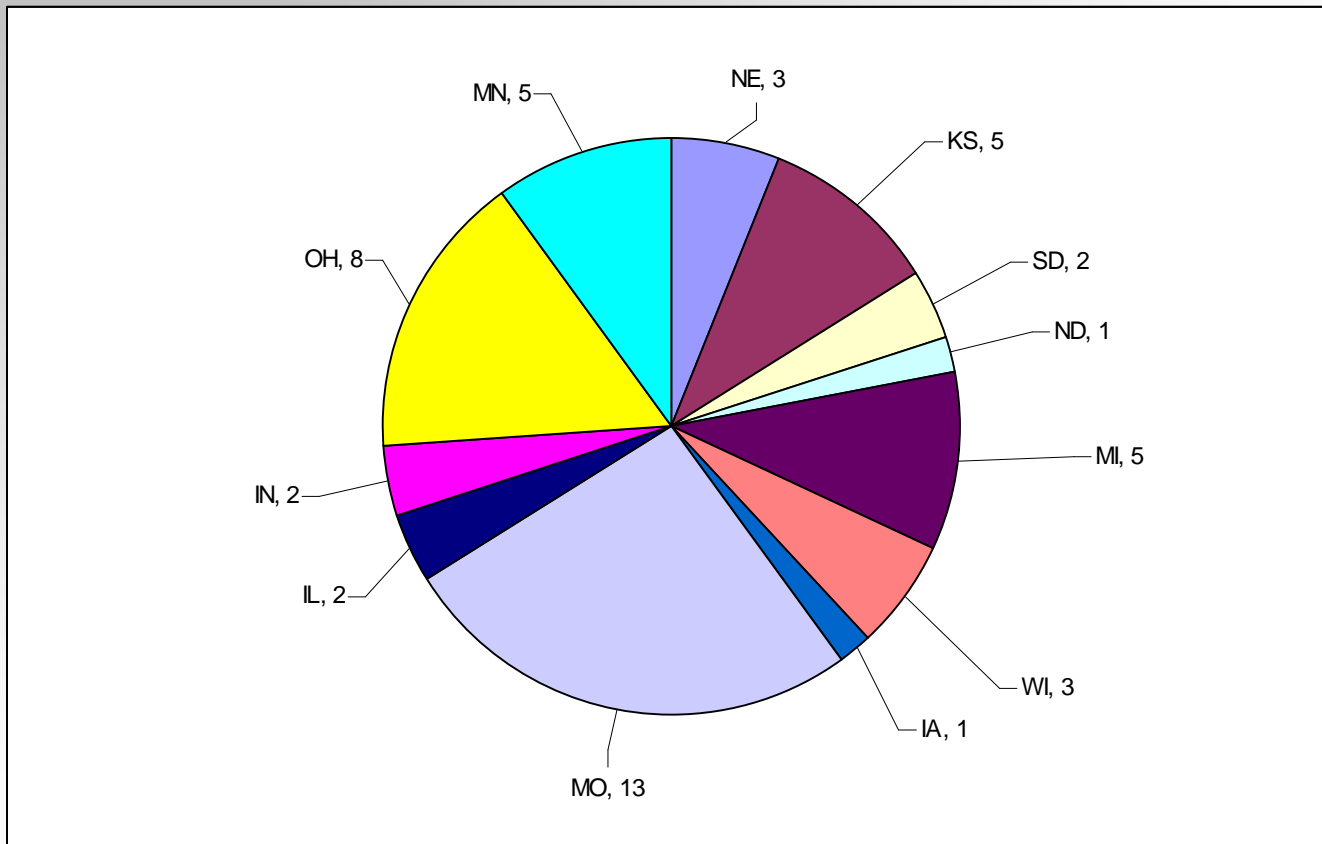
Program Coordinator,
University of Nebraska

2007 Report

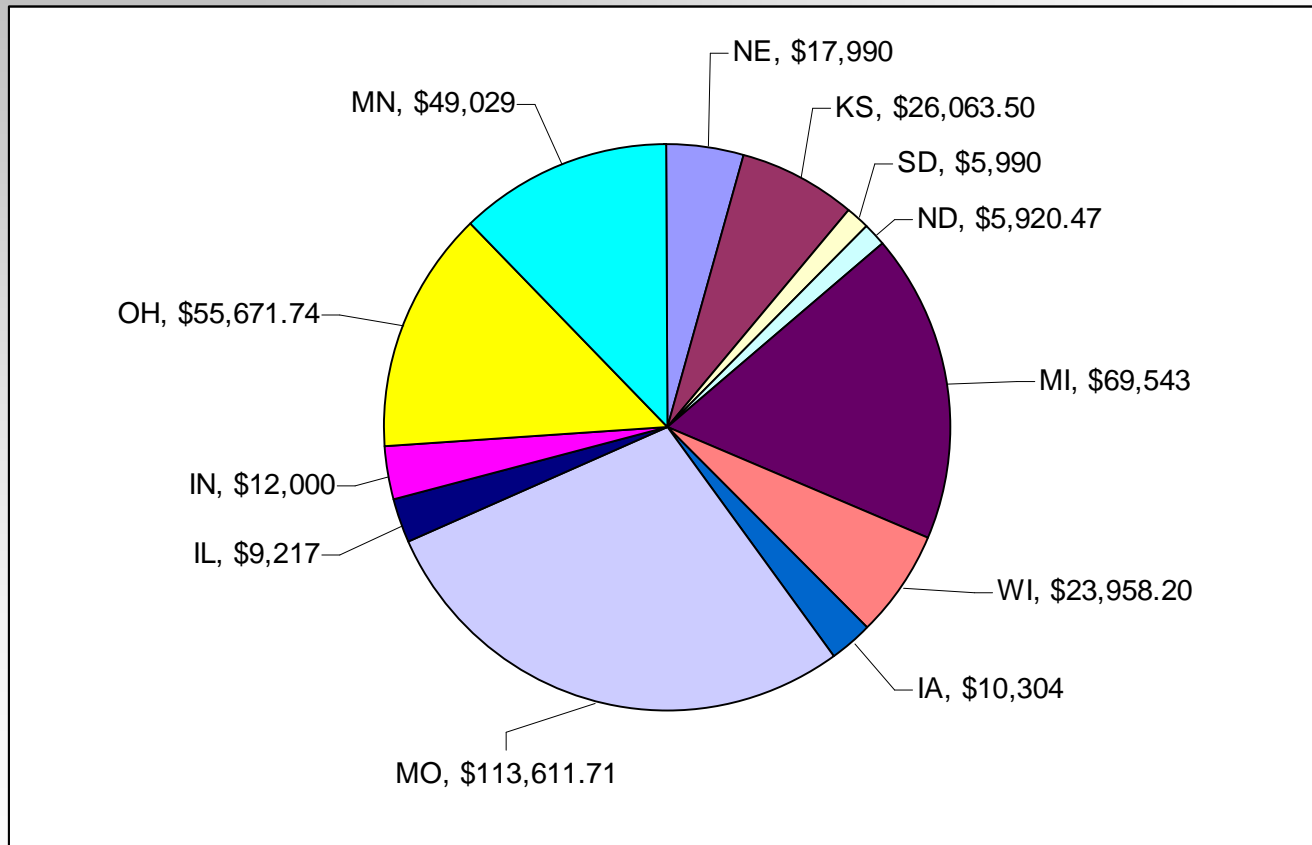
Farmer Rancher Grant Program

- n Grants for up to \$6,000 for individual farmers; up to \$18,000 for groups of 3 or more farmers
- n Can be research, education, or demonstration projects
- n Require support letter from community contact
- n Proposals due in December
- n Fund about 50 grants per yr
- n Funds available early Spring

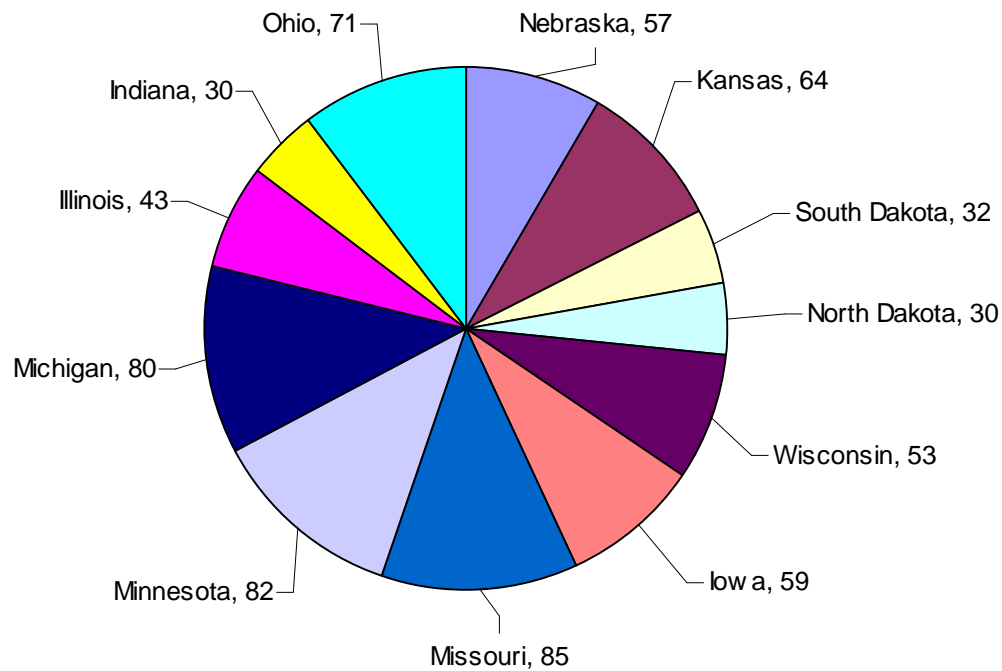
2007 FRG Projects Funded Per State - 50 Total



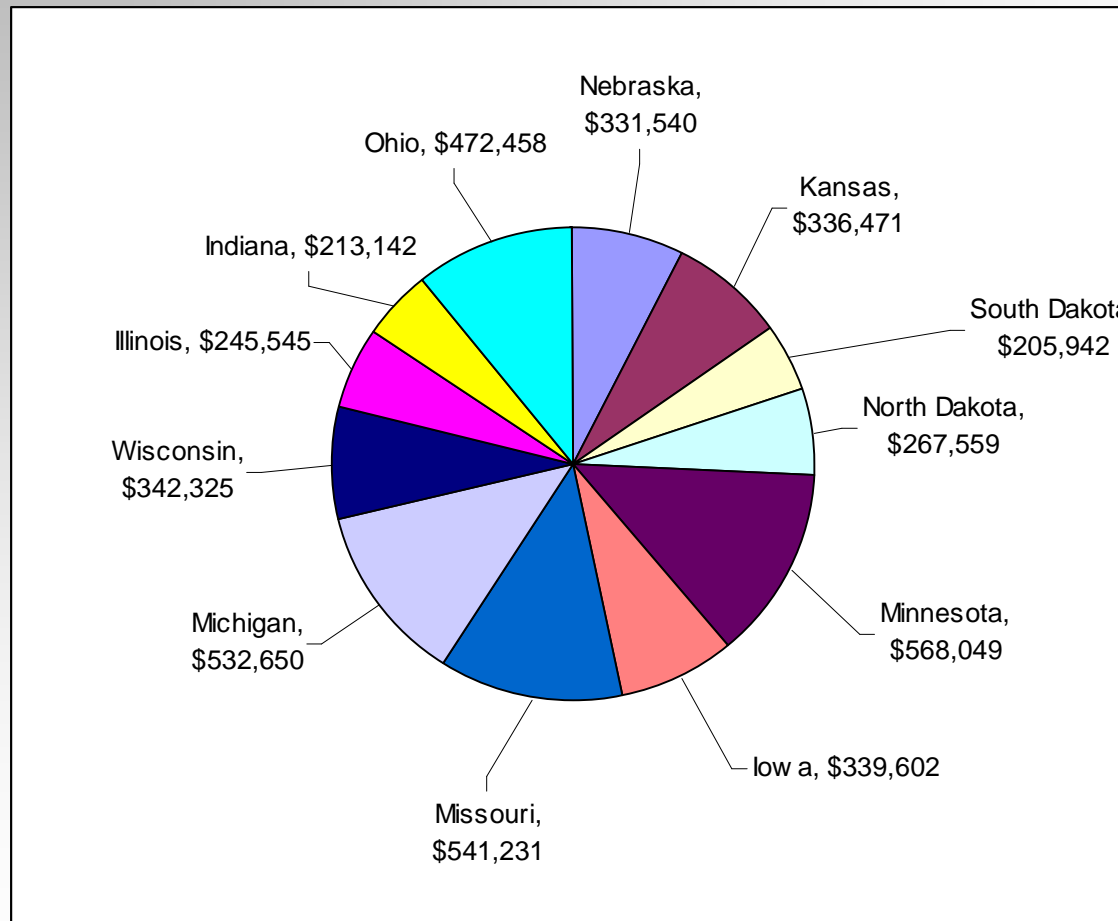
2007 Farmer Rancher Dollars Funded Per State – \$394,229 Total



1992-2007 FRG Grants Funded Per State – 686 Total to Date



1992-2007 FRG Dollars Funded Per State - \$4,396,554 Total to Date



Professional Development Program (PDP)



Paula Ford

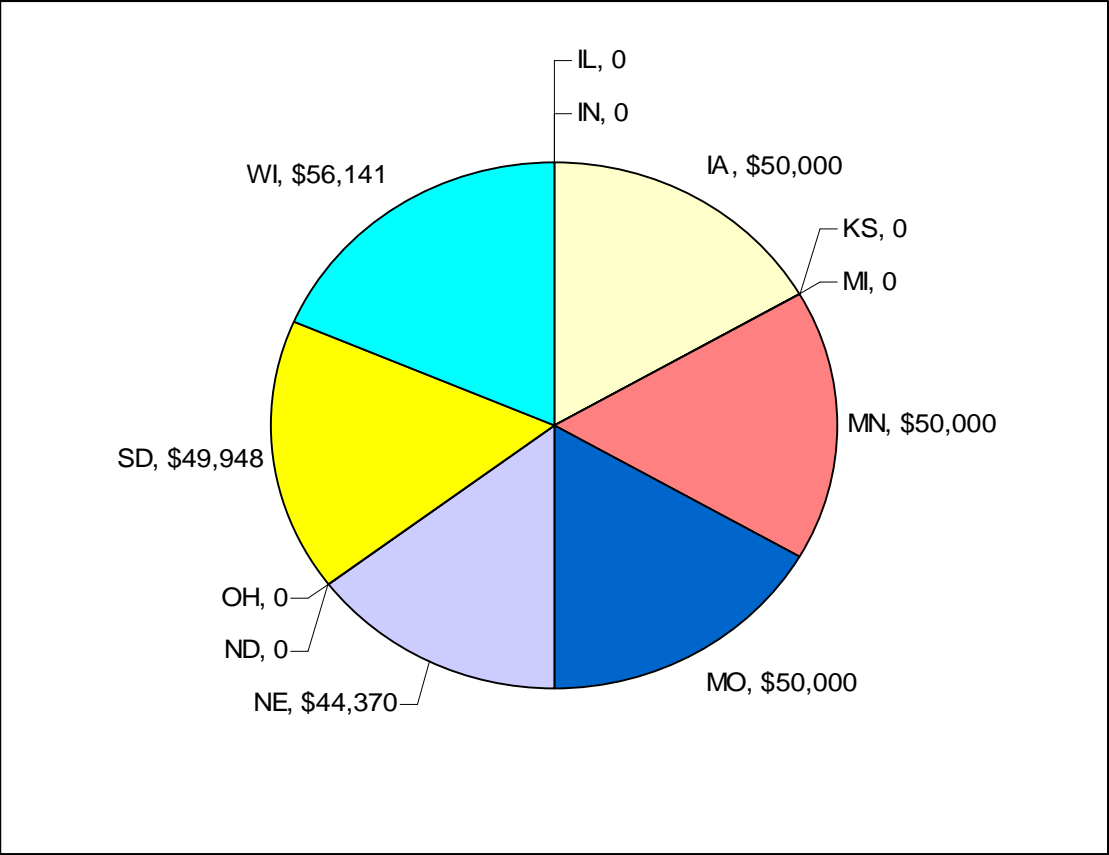
Professional Development
Program Coordinator, Kansas
State University

2007 Report

Current PDP Grant Program

- n Grants for up to \$75,000
- n Specific priority areas listed in CFP
- n Multi-state work encouraged
- n Grants go primarily to organizations
- n Preproposals due in March 2007
- n Fund 2 to 8 grants per yr
- n Funding decisions made November 2007

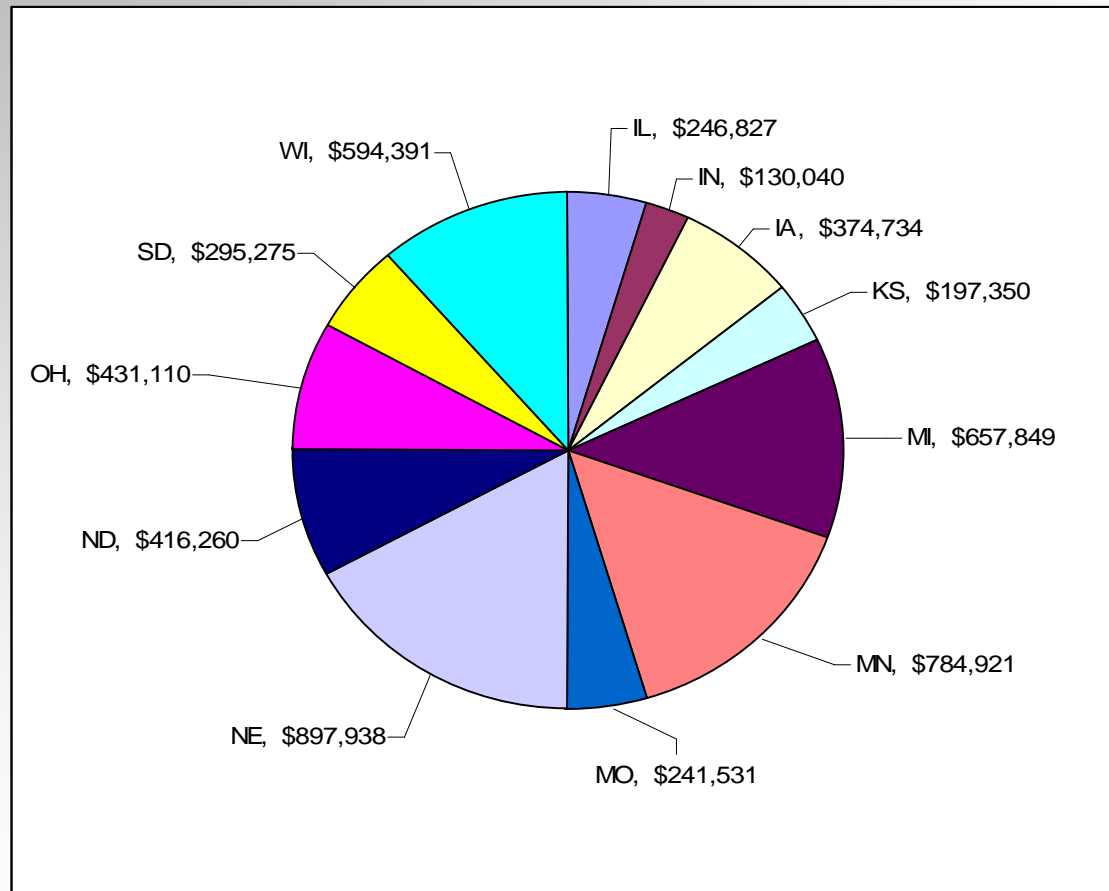
2007 PDP Dollars Funded Per State -- \$300,459 in Total



Data does not include funding for state plans of work, special initiatives or PDP Regional Coordinator plan of work.

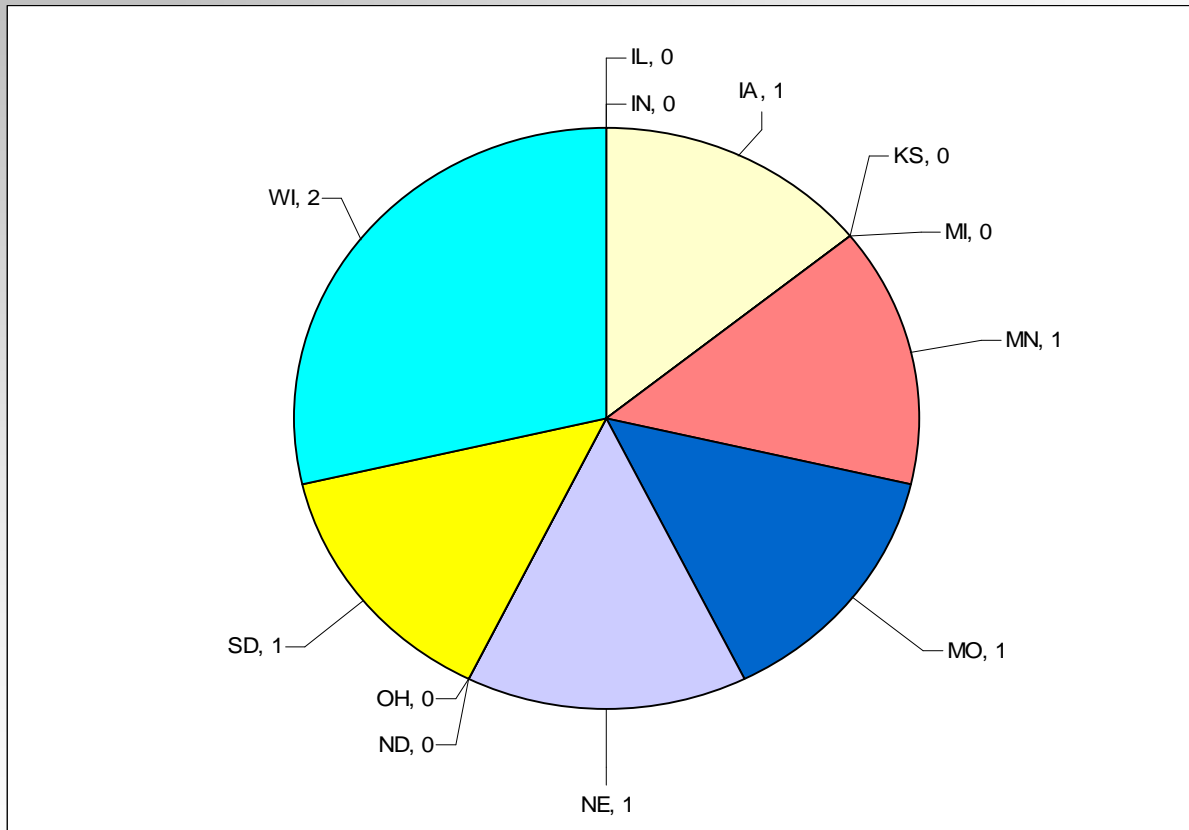


PDP Dollars Funded Per State - \$5,268,226 Total to Date

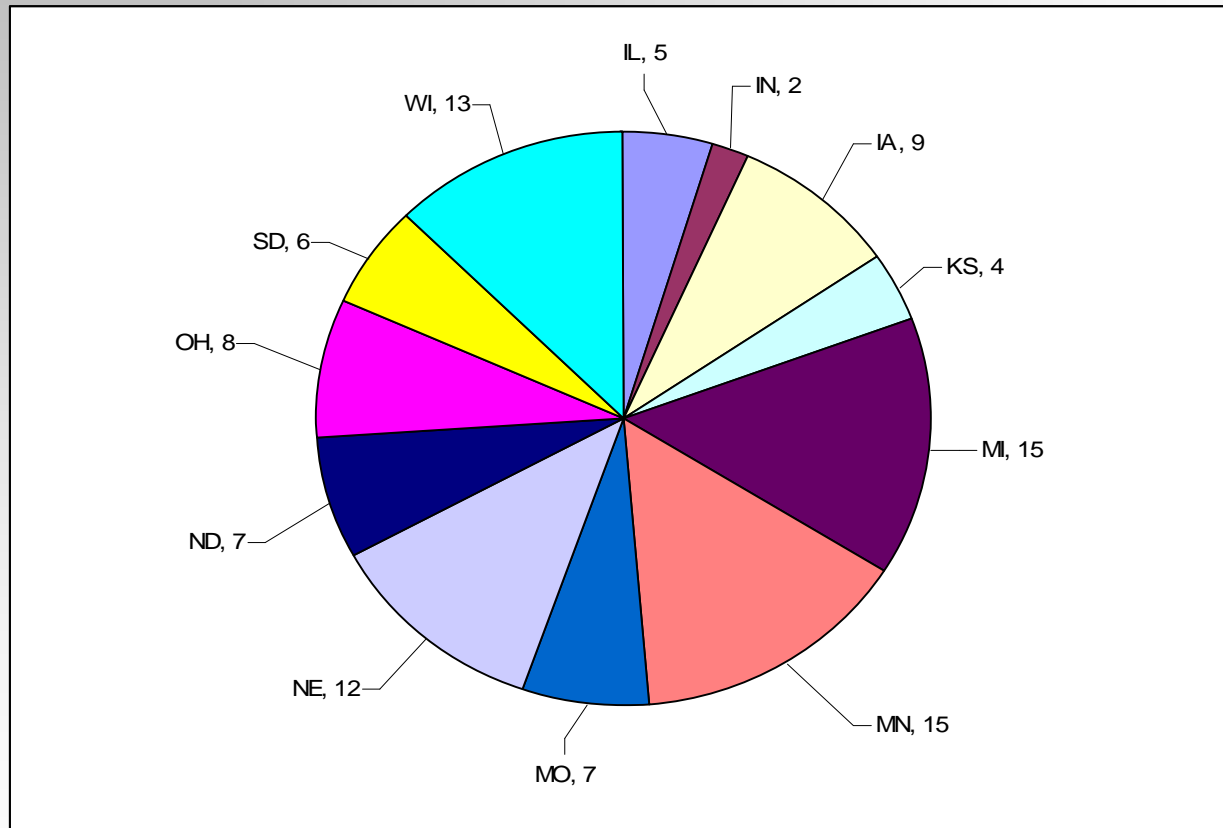


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2007 PDP Projects Funded Per State – 7 Total



PDP Projects Funded Per State – 103 Total to Date



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Graduate Student Grant Program



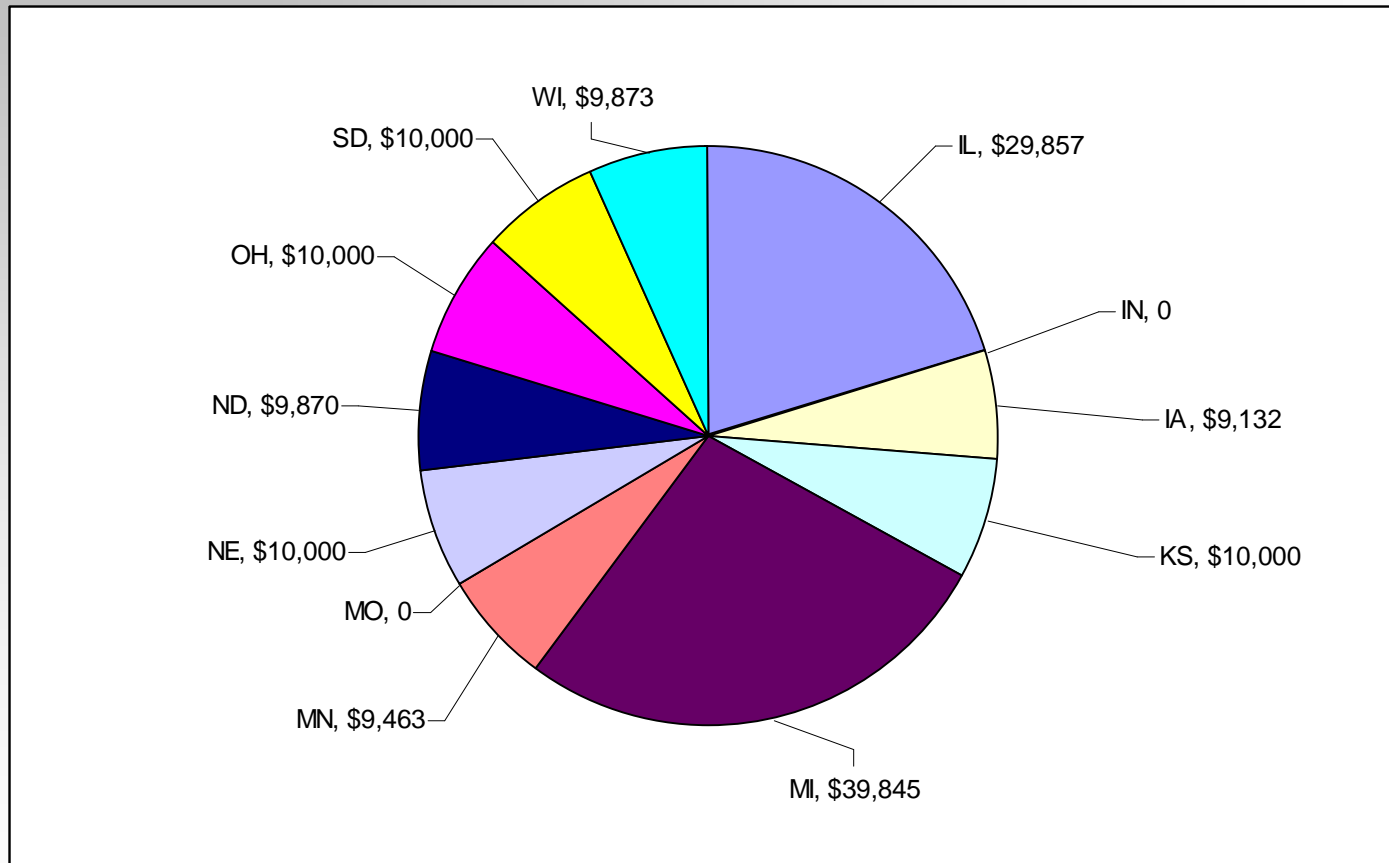
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2008 Report

Current Graduate Student Grant Program

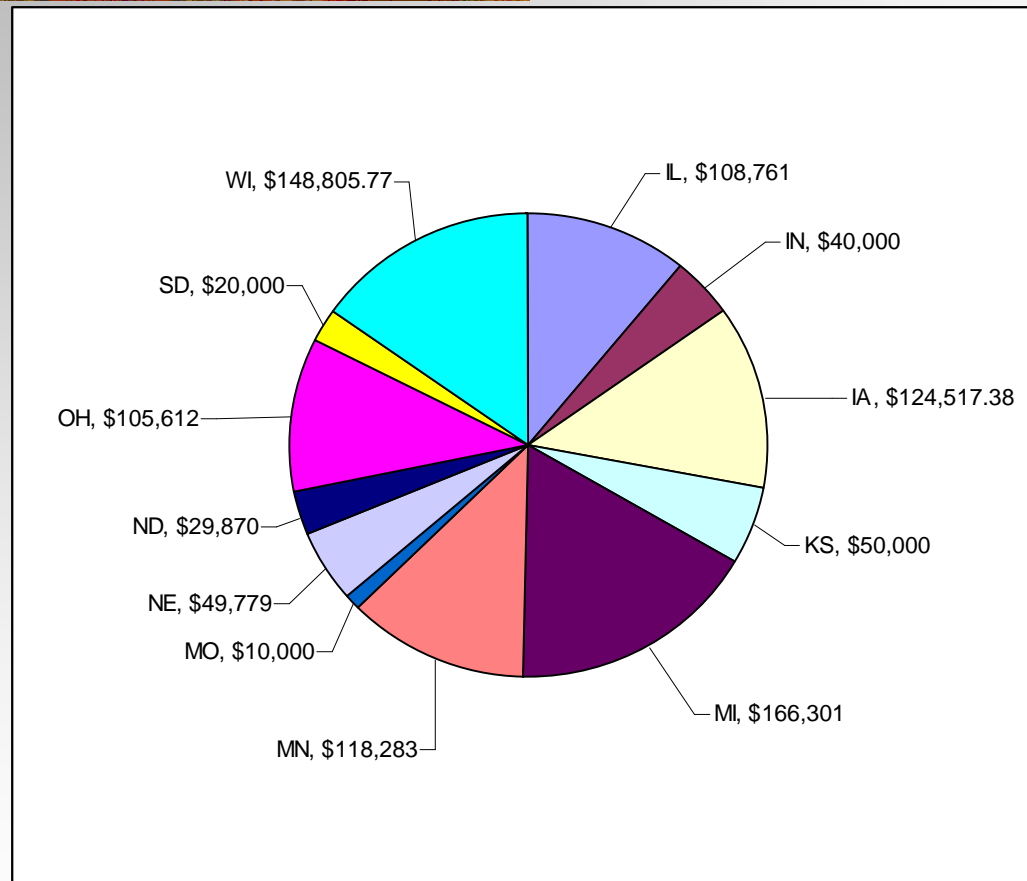
- n Grants for up to \$10,000
- n Currently enrolled graduate students must write proposal and lead work on project
- n Proposals due in January
- n Fund 12 to 16 grants per yr
- n Funds available in the Fall

2008 Graduate Student Program Dollars Funded Per State - \$148,040 Total



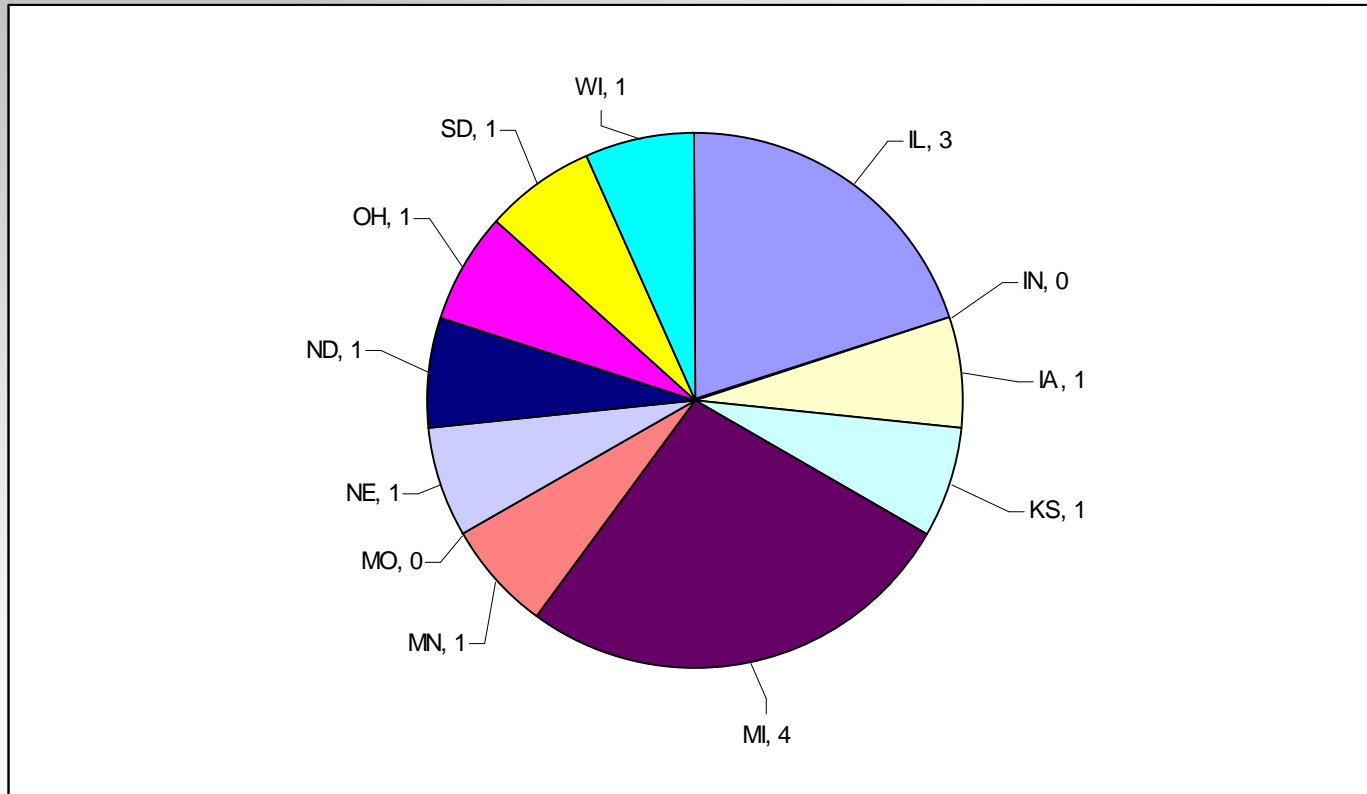
2008 funds have not yet been disbursed.

Graduate Student Program Dollars Funded Per State – \$971,929.77 Total to Date



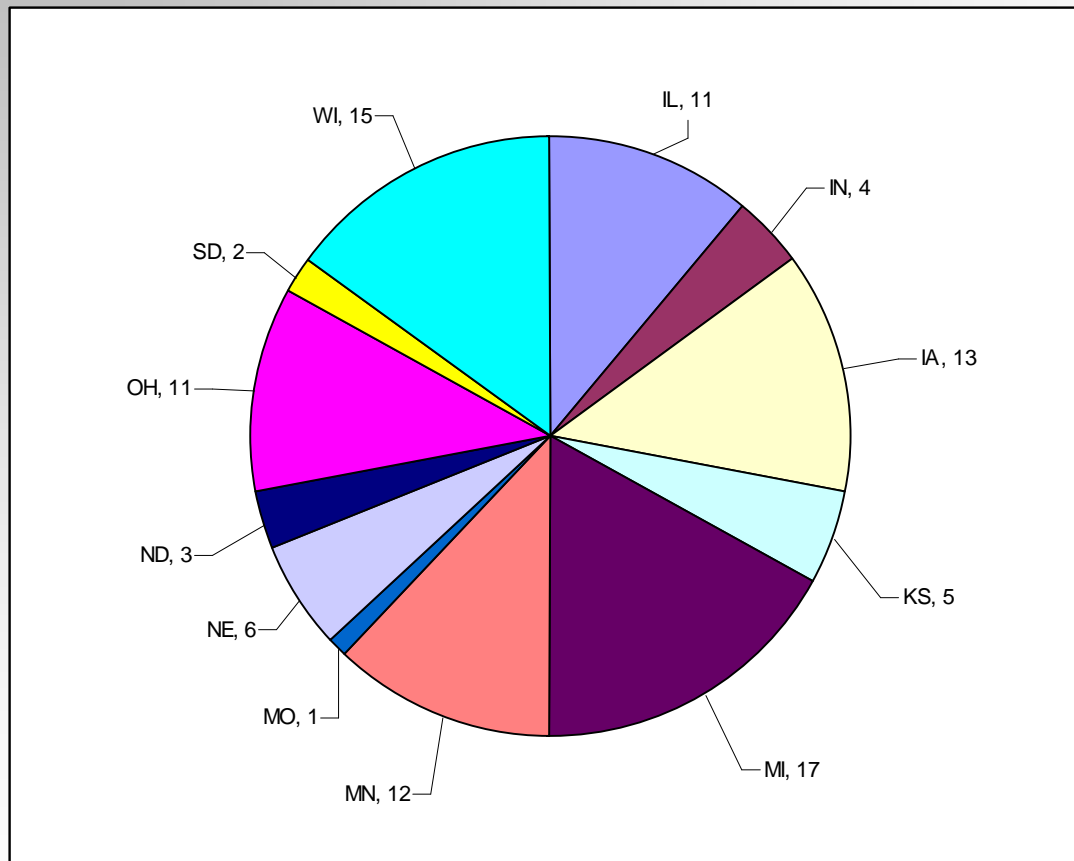
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2008 Graduate Student Program Projects Funded Per State – 15 Total



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Graduate Student Program Projects Funded Per State – 100 Total to Date



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