UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

DAGGETT COUNTY AGRICULTURE

Farms Overview

Number of Farms: 52

Land in Farms: 17,671 acres

Average Farm Size: 340 acres

Acres Irrigated: 7,168 (41% of land in farms)

Market Value of Ag Products Sold: $2,403,000

Family Farms: 98% of farms

Producers

Total producers: 93

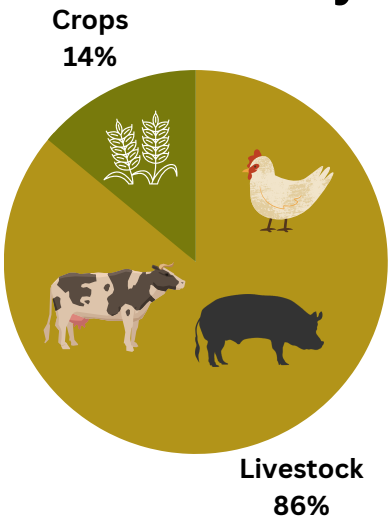
New and Beginning Farmers: 32

State Rankings

Hogs and pigs: 19

Nursey, greenhouse, floriculture, sod: 23

Share of Sales by Type



Why Agricultural Land Preservation Matters

Since 1970, Utah has lost 2.9 million acres (21.3%) of our state's farmland. Productive farmland is critical to the production of food and fiber, local food security, rural economies, and wildlife habitat. Farmers and ranchers are first and foremost stewards and conservationists of the land they depend on. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food works to help producers protect, restore, and enhance farms and ranchers through conservation easements and other programs.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Protection Fund received $3 million in funding. These funds will go towards preserving or restoring critical open land or agricultural land in Utah. Additionally, per H.B.371, counties will be required to deposit 20% of rollback taxes into a fund dedicated to preserving agricultural land and open space that may be used to purchase conservation easements for similar purposes.

These funds will remain in and be administered by individual counties rather than UDAF; however, UDAF may provide assistance in allocating these funds if the counties choose.

2023 UDAF Grants Opening Soon

- Agricultural Water Optimization Grant: April 17 - May 31
- Utah Food Security Processing Grant: May 1 - May 31
- Utah Pollinator Program: May 1 - June 15
- Agricultural Voluntary Incentive Program: Now - July 31
- Soil Health Program: July 3 - August 18

2023 Legislative Funding

- $20 million- ARDL for Water Optimization match
- $3 million- LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund
- $1 million- Soil Health Program
- $1 million- Food Security Processing Grant Program
- $1 million- Agricultural Voluntary Incentive Program
- $8 million for Agricultural Infrastructure (Agri-park)

UDAF Featured Programs

Ag Stress Assistance Program: As a department we recognize the unique stressors that farmers and ranchers face on a daily basis- that's why we created the Ag Stress Assistance Program. This program is operated in partnership with USU Extension AgWellness and provides free vouchers for mental healthcare, education, and mental health resources for Utah farmers and ranchers.

Agricultural Water Optimization Program: Provides grants to Utah's farmers, ranchers, and canal companies to upgrade their irrigation systems to improve efficiency with water use.

Agricultural Voluntary Incentive Program (AgVIP): The goal of the Agriculture Voluntary Incentive Program (AgVIP) is to help farmers implement nutrient management practices that can increase crop yields, improve soil health, and add value to operations while improving water quality.

Utah Grazing Improvement Program: The Utah Grazing Improvement Program improves the productivity, health, and sustainability of our rangelands and watersheds. Well planned and managed livestock grazing is the most important landscape-scale tool for maintaining healthy rangelands, watersheds, and wildlife habitats.

Utah Food Security Processing Grant: This program strengthens the security of the local food supply and ensures more Utah-produced food is processed in-state by providing grants of up to 8,150k to small local Utah processors

Soil Health Program: The Utah Soil Health Program promotes the adoption of soil health practices through a voluntary / incentive based approach via demonstration, education, and research along with implementation projects to promote soil health benefits.

Find Products Made In Your Own Backyard

Utah's Own connects consumers with local farmers, ranchers, food artisans and other agricultural producers. When you buy from a Utah Producer, you strengthen the economy, create local jobs, increase food security, and help preserve farms, ranches, small businesses, and farmland. This causes a ripple effect to ensure Utah will have farms and ranches for generations to come. Learn more about Utah's Own at: Utahsown.org