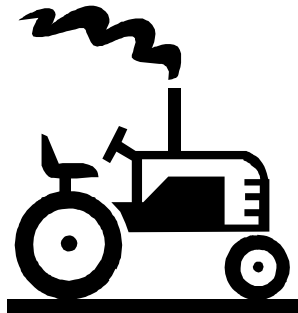


# UTAH AGRICULTURE

## ORGANIC FARMING

The Utah Department of Agriculture & Food is returning to the basics with implementation of a new organic certification program. UDAF partners with the (IOIA) Independent Organic Inspectors Association and growers to establish a set of standards applicable to Utah and compatible with Federal and Industry standards. The program will provide accessible, accurate timely certification services at a reasonable fee to cover program costs.



Utah ranks 35th out of 50 states in the nation in total number of farms with 12 million acres in agricultural production. The state is also 26th in the amount of land in farms. The table below shows the national rankings for various commodities.

Mink pelts	2
Tart Cherries	3
Sweet Cherries	6
Sheep	6
Onion	7
Pear	9
Trout	9
Barley	11
Alfalfa	13
Edible Dry Beans	16
Breeding hogs	17
Peach	22
Milk Cows	23
Hay	24
Honey	26
Corn for silage	26
Apples	26
Beef cows	28
Other Spring Wheat	29
Winter Wheat	20
Oats	30
Potato	32

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# Agriculture & the Economy

Agriculture remains a consistent economic producer for the state of Utah. Farmers and ranchers generate more than \$1 billion a year in raw products. By the time those crops reach our dinner tables, they've added approximately \$3 billion to the state's economy. More than 100,000 people in Utah employed by agriculture and agribusiness.



Global marketing of products of Utah continues to grow. You may see Utah dairy, poultry, fruit, and livestock products for sale around the world. Products on shelves of foreign countries are

wheat, alfalfa, livestock dairy, and poultry.

## Farm Credit Mediation

Utah Participates in a voluntary mediation program. Mediation is a process used to solve problems and settle disputed issues related to farm credit, debt restructure and voluntary liquidation of farm property. The state provides a neutral third party for borrower and lender discussions in order to facilitate discussion and generate alternative plans. All decisions are made by the borrowers and lenders. All parties come to mediation with the understanding they will seek a mutually agreeable solution that, in the best way possible, meets the needs of all parties. To request mediation services contact the department.

## Ag In the Classroom

The Utah Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) is a cooperative program of the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food and Utah State University. The program is designed to help students develop an awareness and understanding of our food and fiber system, and how agriculture impacts our lives. AITC provides teachers with training and resources to use agriculture as a vehicle to teach across existing curriculum by enhancing the subjects teachers already teach. For example, science standards such as soils, natural resources and microorganisms are taught using agriculture as the vehicle. You can link to this resource at: [www.ext.usu.edu/aitc](http://www.ext.usu.edu/aitc)

## Celebrate Agriculture

We all partake of agriculture every day. Whether it's the food we eat, or the homes we live in, agriculture is our "connection to life." With only 2 percent of our population producing food and fiber for us all, the average American has a vague understanding of where their food and clothing comes from. The average family spends about 10 percent of its total income on food, the lowest in the world! American agriculture employs 21 million people or 18.5 percent of the labor force.

## Ways to celebrate at school or home . . .

- Trace a meal back to the farm
- Check the Utah counties for what products are produced there
- Draw your favorite farm crop or animal
- Find out where your favorite food comes from geographically and culturally
- Investigate the importance of soil, water and agricultural land as a natural resource
- Explore how different crops are grown

And remember for more information click on [www.ext.usu.edu/aitc](http://www.ext.usu.edu/aitc)



## Who to call for information . . .

Ag in the Classroom	435-797-1657
Brands	801-538-7137
Extension Service	801-468-3170
Farm Credit Mediation	801-538-7103
Market News	801-538-7107
Organics	801-538-7141
Pesticide Application	801-538-7185
Product of Utah	801-538-7106
Raccoons/Skunks	801-975-3307
Information at UDAF	801-538-7104

*"Mankind owes its existence to the top six inches of soil and the fact that it rains."*

— Unknown —