



# Utah Food Security Processing Grant Fact Sheet

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

**Application Window Opens May 1, 2024**

## Eligibility:

Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to processors located in Utah with no more than 100 employees who use at least 51% of ingredients or product inputs that were grown/raised in Utah, or that sell at least 51% of their products to Utah consumers.

Meat/poultry processors wishing to apply must be either:

- A state-inspected "equal-to" slaughter and/or processing plants,
- A licensed custom-exempt slaughter plants, or
- A Talmadge-Aiken (TA) or very small federally inspected plants.

Reimbursement amounts are based upon the applicable and reasonable project cost(s) provided by the applicant. Eligible processor expenses must make an immediate impact on the state's capacity to process or store Utah-raised protein or Utah-grown products including beef, pork, dairy, eggs, grain, poultry, lamb, bison, fruit, vegetables, etc.

Reimbursements will require actual copies of receipts, expenses, paid invoices, or checks.

## Application Process:

Application are due by Friday, May 31, 2024, and must be submitted through [Submittable](#).

It must include:

- A prioritized list of equipment or improvements with estimated costs.
- Description of equipment or upgrades.
- Description of how this will improve the efficiency of processing activities and/or increase volume.

Awards will be announced July 1, 2024.

## If Awarded:

- Applicants must complete planned improvement, purchase equipment, etc. no earlier than July 1, 2024, and no later than June 30, 2025.
- Once improvement is complete, applicants may submit for reimbursement. Reimbursement requires:
  - Actual/copies of receipts, expenses, checks, or invoices
  - Complete IRS W-9 form

## Improvements May Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- Coolers/freezers
- Contractor costs (plumbing, draining, venting, electrical work)
- Portion cutters Processing equipment (smoking units, sausage stuffers, etc.)
- Slaughter equipment (cradles, saws, hooks, scalders, sinks, etc.)
- Electronic sorting equipment (grading & sizing for apples, cherries, and peaches)
- Bottling equipment for juices

*Expenses not eligible for reimbursement include salaries, fringe benefits, land purchases, and unrelated supplies or parts. Under this grant, homesteading and research are not allowable activities.*