

# **UTAH GRAZING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM»**

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

The Utah Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP) is dedicated to improving the health and sustainability of Utah's rangelands and watersheds.

#### **Utah Grazing Improvement Grant Program**

Cost-share grants are available to ranchers for rangeland improvements. Projects can include any restoration work that will improve rangeland health, productivity, and management.

Examples: Elimination of invasive species, reseeding, livestock water development and improvements, fencing, grazing management planning, and any other project that improves production, watershed and rangeland health, while improving the profitability of Utah's livestock producers.

The Enabling Act that created UGIP has legislative intent that the producer will pay a significant portion of any project. If a project is approved that has no other cost share, UGIP can pay up to 50% of the cost on private land and 75% on public land.

### Do You Have An Improvement Project In Mind?

Project size can be from small to large and on private or public land.

Applications are available online at **ag.utah.gov.** Click on Grazing Improvement in the menu. You can also contact your regional coordinator for an application and information on project requirements. Applications are due by January 1 of each year. (It is strongly suggested that you work with your regional coordinator in developing your project plans and applying for grant funds). A list of regions and coordinators is included in this flyer.

### **Regional Coordinators**

Name	Counties	Address	Phone	Email	Region
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## Regional Coordinators (cont.)

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#### **Did You Know?**

Utah cattle and sheep ranchers depend on the state's 38 million acres of private and public lands as a grazing resource. Utah's livestock industry contributes more than \$600 million to Utah's economy while managing vegetation and benefiting resource health. To support this vital Utah industry, the legislature in 2006 established the Utah Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP) through HB 145 sponsored by Rep. Brad Johnson and Sen. Tom Hatch.

Over 38 million acres of Utah rangelands are grazed by livestock:

Federal Grazing Lands: 25.7 million acres

Private Grazing Land: 9.4 million acres

State Grazing Land: 3.1 million acres

