

State & Federal Programs Benefiting Farmers and Ranchers

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STATE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD

Contact Information for Utah Department of Ag & Food:

<http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/index.html>

Loan/Grant Programs

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Agriculture Resource Development Loans (ARDL) | Low interest loans to help with agriculture conservation and improved yields and water quality. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/loans.html |
| Non-Point Source Water Quality Program | Loans for non-point source pollution prevention. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/nonpoint.html |
| Petroleum Storage Tank Loans | Loans are available for upgrading, replacing, or closing underground storage tanks. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/loans.html |
| Rural Rehabilitation Loans | This program helps those who want to buy, begin or improve an agricultural operation but who cannot qualify for conventional financing. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/loans.html |
| Utah Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP) | Grants for projects to improve grazing lands. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/grazing/index.html |

Regulatory Programs & Services Offered

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Animal and Wildlife Damage Prevention Services | Wildlife damage prevention and management information | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/wildlife/index.html |
| Animal Health | Resources for animal health in Utah including transporting permits | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/health/index.html#report |
| Animal Identification (Brand Registration and Inspection) | Registration and inspection of brands, investigation stolen animals. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/brands/index.html |
| Bonding | Persons who buy and resell products of agriculture (livestock, hay, grain, vegetables etc.) are required to post a bond and be licensed with UDAF. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/admin/bonding.html |

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| CAFO/AFO | Regulations and enforcements on animal feeding operations | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/cafo.html |
| Dairy Compliance | Provides effective public health control throughout the Production, handling, pasteurization, and distribution of milk and milk products in order to facilitate the shipment and acceptance of high sanitary quality milk and milk products. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/regulatory/dairy.html |
| Egg and Poultry Grading | Provides grading services which will assure the consumers of Utah safe, wholesome, quality eggs, egg products, and poultry. It also enforces grading standards and regulations thereby assuring uniformity and compliance throughout the egg and poultry industry. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/regulatory/egg.html |
| Elk Farming and Elk Hunting Parks | Overview and regulations of the domestic elk industry in the state | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/elk/index.html |
| Farm Customer Slaughter | Form for farm custom slaughter license | http://ag.utah.gov/licensing/documents/1304.pdf |
| Feed Program | Administration of the Utah Commercial Feed Act; involves inspection, registration, and sampling of commercial feed products. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/feed/index.html |
| Fish Health (Aquaculture) | Provides fish health and culture information and enforces rules that govern the operation of aquaculture facilities and the spread or introduction of disease. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/fish/index.html |
| Free Well Testing | is sponsoring a non-regulatory, free ground water testing program for privately-owned (non-community) water-supply systems, including wells and springs. Water is tested for bacteria, pesticides, nitrates and inorganic minerals. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/conservation/welltesting.html |
| Grain and Hay Inspection | Provides official analysis of submitted sample. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/grain/index.html |
| Market Reports | Local and national sales reports | http://ag.utah.gov/news/publications/reports.html |
| Meat and Poultry Inspection | Work in partnership with the meat plant owners to ensure that consumers purchase a clean, wholesome, properly labeled meat product | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/meat/index.html |
| Mediation | The Utah Agricultural Medication Program (UAMP) mediates agricultural disputes between farmers and ranchers and USDA throughout the State of Utah. The program is administered by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and has been certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/commissioner/mediation/index.html |
| Organic Licensing Program | This program is intended to serve producers, processors and consumers of agricultural products. The goal is to manage a process that will maintain the integrity of food products produced without the use of restricted chemical inputs. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/organic/index.html |
| Pesticide Applicators | Certification and training | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/pesticide/applicators.html#geninfo |
| Product Registration | Register or look-up already registered products | http://ag.utah.gov/registration.html |

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| Seed Laboratory and Testing Services | Monitoring and regulating the seed trade. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/seed/index.html |
| UTAH CATTLE HEALTH ASSURANCE PROGRAM (UCHAP) | An integrated herd management approach to the detection, control and eradication of diseases within the herd. The program is built around a flexible core composed of management procedures, informed culling decisions and diagnostic surveillance. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/animal/health/documents/UCHAP_application.pdf |
| Utah Century Farms and Ranches | Register and view farms with the 100 year old distinction. | http://ag.utah.gov/news/CenturyFarms.html |
| Utah Farmers Markets | Schedules and information | http://utahsown.utah.gov/FarmersMarkets.htm |
| Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory | The laboratory provides timely, in-depth, cost efficient, veterinary diagnostic services to safeguard animal health, protect the agricultural economy, and shield the public against zoonoses (diseases transmissible from animals to humans) | http://www.usu.edu/uvd/ |
| Utah's Own | Marketing of Utah produced products. | http://utahsown.utah.gov/ |
| Weed-Free Hay Certification | Certifies that hay is weed-free and keeps a list of weed-free producers | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/weedfree/index.html |
| Weighing and Measuring Device Certification | Ensure that commodities bought or sold are accurately weighed or measured and properly identified. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/regulatory/weights/index.html |
| Worker Protection Standards (WPS) | Training and regulations regarding pesticide use. | http://ag.utah.gov/divisions/plant/pesticide/wps.html |

FEDERAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY FSA

Contact Information for Utah FSA Locations: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ut&agency=fsa>

Disaster Assistance Programs

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| ELAP (Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish) | Provides emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees, and farm-raised fish | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |
| Emergency Farm Loans | Provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi-el |
| LFP (Livestock Forage Disaster Program) | Provides benefits for grazing land affected by drought; public grazing land affected by wildfire or drought, Grazed land must be in county designated severely affected | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |
| LIP (Livestock Indemnity Payments) | Provides benefits for livestock death losses due to adverse weather in excess of normal mortality. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |

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| NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) | Provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/di_sasst08.pdf |
| SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments) | Provides benefits for farm revenue losses. Must be in a county with a USDA Secretarial Disaster Designation or contiguous county and have an overall 50% production loss due to adverse weather | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |
| TAP (Tree Assistance Program) | Provides assistance for tree, vine, and bush losses due to adverse weather for losses greater than 15%. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |

Conservation Programs

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election) | Starts in 2009 as a whole-farm, irrevocable alternative to receiving counter-cyclical payment. Triggered when Actual State Revenue < State ACRE Guarantee; and Actual Farm Revenue < Farm ACRE Guarantee | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/acrepdf.pdf |
| CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) | Incentive payments for installing specific conservation practices that help protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ut&area=home&subject=prog&topic=landing |
| CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) | Receive annual rental payments for planting permanent vegetation on your idle, highly erodible farmland | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=ut&area=home&subject=prog&topic=landing |
| DCP (Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program) | Provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2008 through 2012 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments - direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=dccp&topic=landing |
| ECP (Emergency Conservation Program) | Provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing |
| FWP (Farmable Wetlands Program) | Reduces downstream flood damage, improves surface and groundwater quality, and recharges groundwater supplies by restoring wetlands | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=landing |
| GRP (Grassland Reserve Program) | Helps landowners restore and protect grassland, rangeland, pastureland, and shrubland and provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=grp |
| LAP (Livestock Assistance Program) | Provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/newsReleases?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=pfs&newstype=prfactsheet&type=detail&item=pf_20050301_distr_en_lap05.html |
| Source Water Protection Program | Help prevent source water pollution through voluntary practices installed by producers at local levels. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=swp |

Energy Programs

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| BCAP (Biomass Crop Assistance Program) | Financial assistance to producers or entities that deliver eligible biomass material to designated biomass conversion facilities for use as heat, power, biobased products or biofuels. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ener&topic=bcap |

Loan Programs

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Beginning Farmer & Rancher Loans | Direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi-bl |
| Commodity Loans- Non-Recourse Marketing Assistance Loans | Provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. Allowing producers to store production at harvest facilitates more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=col-nl |
| Direct Farm Loans | Direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements. Lending limit- \$300,000 | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi |
| Farm Storage Facility Loan Program | Loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=flp |
| Guaranteed Farm Loans | FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.B63 | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=gfl |
| Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) Farmer, Rancher Loans | Makes and guarantees loans to approved socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. Define as one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi-sl |
| Youth Loans | Loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible rural youth age 10-20 to finance income-producing, ag-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA or a similar organization. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi-yl |

Price Support

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| DELAP (Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment Program) | Provides a one-time payment to assist dairy producers who have recently experienced low milk prices and high production costs. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=landing |
| LDP (Loan Deficiency Program) | Pays producers the difference between county-level prices and that county's loan rate on a date chosen by the producer. To be eligible for payments, producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity in addition to other eligibility requirements | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=ldp |
| LDP Rates | Daily Rates listed by state and county. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/displayLDPRates?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=ldp-ldp |
| MILC (MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT PROGRAM) | Supports the dairy industry by providing direct counter-cyclical style payments to milk producers on a monthly basis when the Boston Federal Milk Marketing Order Class I price for fluid milk falls below the benchmark of \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt.). | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=mpp-mi |
| TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) | Helps producers of agricultural commodities adjust to competition from imports by providing them technical assistance, cash payments and opportunities for job retraining. | http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=mpp |

FEDERAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Contact Information for Utah USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut/old/new_page_3.htm

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Value Added Producer Grant | Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent agriculture producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. The producer who is adding value to the product must produce the majority of the product themselves. All grants require a 50% match from the producer. | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut/bi-vapg.htm |
| Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan | Up to 80% guarantee on loans made by private lenders to business and industry involving manufacturing, wholesale, retail and services. Projects must involve the creation and/or saving of jobs. The purpose need not be agriculturally related. | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut/bi-guar.htm |
| Rural Energy for America Program - Loans and Grants | Helps farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. This is done by offering a grant not to exceed 25% of the total cost of the project and a guarantee of a commercial loan not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the project. | http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut/bi-reap.htm |

PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY UTAH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Contact Information for Utah Association of Conservation Districts

<http://www.uacd.org/staff-directory.html>

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Conservation Planning, Engineering, and GIS/GPS Services | Provided by the UACD in coordination with local conservation districts. | http://www.uacd.org/services.html |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) | Assists farmers facing serious threats to soil, water, and related natural resources. It provides technical, financial, and educational assistance primarily within locally identified priority areas where significant natural resources concerns have been identified. | http://www.uacd.org/programs/eqip.html |
| Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) | Offers cost-share incentives to landowners to voluntarily develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. Participants work with their local conservation district and the NRCS to develop a wildlife habitat development plan and contract. | http://www.uacd.org/programs/whip.html |
| Water Conservation Field Services Program | Provides financial assistance for water conservation activities in the form of grants or cost-shared funding. The program is aimed at funding written water management and conservation plans, new or unfamiliar water management technologies and practices, and promotion of good water use practices and principles. | http://www.uacd.org/programs/water-conservation.html |
| Colorado River Salinity Control Program (CRSCP) | Provides cost share and some technical assistance to apply salinity control practices and wildlife habitat replacement. | http://www.uacd.org/programs/crscp.html |
| Partners for Fish and Wildlife | provides cost-share dollars to farmers and ranchers interested in increasing production while improving wildlife habitat. | http://www.uacd.org/programs/fish-wildlife.html |

PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY NRCS

Contact Information for NRCS in Utah

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&state=UT&stateNa>

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program | The Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and ranchland in agricultural uses | http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/ |

PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE USDA RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Contact Information for USDA Risk Management Agency

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/contact.html>

| Program Name | Purpose | More Information |
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| Multiple-peril crop insurance (MPCI) | Provides comprehensive protection against weather-related causes of loss and certain other unavoidable perils. Coverage is available on over 76 crops in primary production areas throughout the U.S. at 50 to 75 percent of the actual production history (APH) for the farm. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fsh_6.html |
| Actual Production History (APH) | Insure producers against yield losses due to natural causes such as drought, excessive moisture, hail, wind, frost, insects, and disease. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/ |
| Group Risk Plan (GRP) | Policies use a county index as the basis for determining a loss. When the county yield for the insured crop, as determined by National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), falls below the trigger level chosen by the farmer, an indemnity is paid. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/rme/fsh_4.html |
| Dollar Plan | Provides protection against declining value due to damage that causes a yield shortfall. Amount of insurance is based on the cost of growing a crop in a specific area. A loss occurs when the annual crop value is less than the amount of insurance. The maximum dollar amount of insurance is stated on the actuarial document. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/pubs/2009/statepr/files/utah08.pdf |
| Rainfall and Vegetation Index plans | These plans are designed as risk management tools to insure against declines in an index in a designated area called a grid. They are primarily intended for use by producers whose crop production tends to follow the average precipitation or vegetation patterns for the grid. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/rivi/index.html |
| Crop Revenue Coverage | Provides revenue protection based on price and yield expectations by paying for losses below the guarantee at the higher of an early-season price or the harvest price. | http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/crc.html |
| Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) | Protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that occur during the insurance year | http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/agr.html |