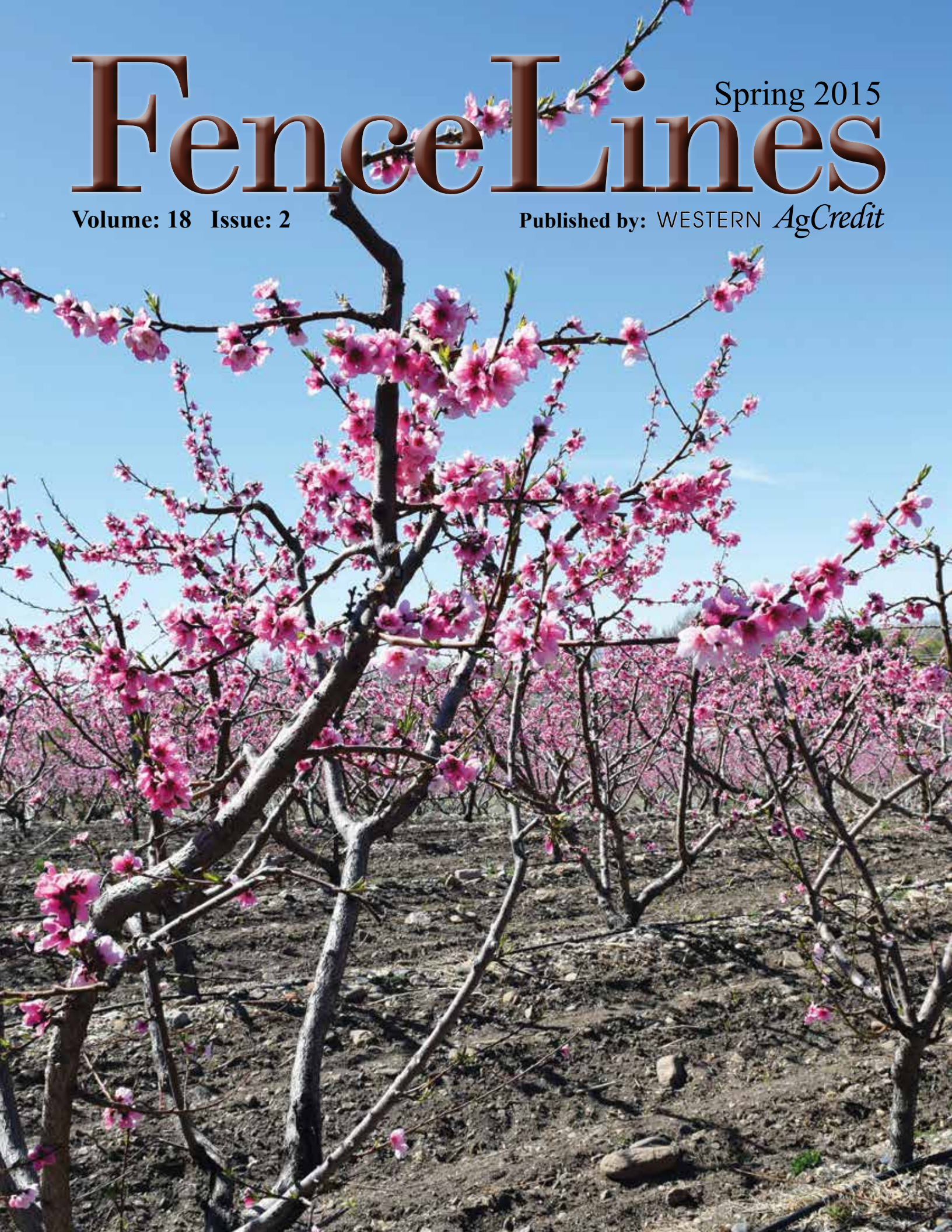


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Cover Photo: Fruit trees in full bloom at Tagge's Famous Fruit & Veggie Farms in Willard, UT.

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Dear Western AgCredit Stockholders & Friends,



We hope this issue of FenceLines arrives with your family and friends doing well. At the end of the day the health and well-being of your family and friends are what matter the most when considering the challenges and obstacles that we all face.

Our agricultural industry is no different than we are as individuals. Agriculture, and production agriculture in particular is under attack on many fronts. There are many groups, organizations and individuals wishing harm on agriculture. The motivation behind this ill-will is as diverse as the individuals and groups that promote their biased views which aren't supported by scientific facts or any other legitimate position.

Since less than one percent of our population is directly involved in production of food and fiber; it is imperative that all agricultural stakeholders work together to combat the attacks that our industry is facing. The stakeholders needing to work together include producers (individual farmers and ranchers), trade associations (Cattlemen's, Woolgrowers, Fur Breeders, Norbest, Payson Fruit, etc.), and industry organizations (Western AgCredit, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Producers Livestock, Dairy Farmers of America, Gossners, etc.).

Examples of attacks facing our industry are:

- Access to public lands for livestock grazing
- Endangered Species over-reach
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over-reach
- Animal Welfare over-reach
- Genetically Modified Crops (GMO) – safety misinformation

Our industry is literally facing challenges on hundreds of fronts. Many of the challenges have components that may have merit and are worthy of discussion, but problems arise when groups begin using propaganda, taking "facts" that have been manipulated for inappropriate conclusions to mislead the general public. It's often easy to mislead the public because

the public hasn't taken the time to appropriately understand issues, or they don't have access to legitimate information, which leaves them ill prepared to formulate informed positions/conclusions.

This is where the agricultural stakeholders can help to frame the discussion that is based on legitimate facts. It is production agriculture's responsibility to dedicate time, money and resources to tell "our story" so the public understands that no group has more interest in protecting the environment than American farmers and ranchers. Farmers and ranchers make their living from the environment.

Production agriculture isn't a job, it's a way of life that has been passed from one generation to the next. Everyone involved with agriculture has a responsibility to be a visible and vocal advocate for our industry. We have to reverse the perception that is growing within our urban brothers that agriculture isn't protecting our fragile environment.

This responsibility doesn't just reside with the farmers and rancher, but also with organizations that earn their livelihood from those farmers and ranchers. I'm talking about companies like Western AgCredit. We're ready to do our part and we hope you are, too. We can no longer assume someone else will resolve the issue for us.

Thank you for your business and support. We truly are... Together in Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Richard Weathered
President

Welcome New Employees!



Heather Hedelius

Executive Assistant-South Jordan

At the end of March, Heather joined the Western AgCredit team as the Executive Assistant. Heather is excited about the opportunity her new position will give her to be challenged, learn new things and work with an honest and hardworking team of individuals.

Heather has assisted executive-level individuals for over eight years. She earned

a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in hospitality management from Northern Arizona University and worked in hospitality prior to working as an Executive Assistant.

Heather grew up on the central coast in California and is the youngest of three children. Currently she lives in the Salt Lake Valley. In her free time, Heather enjoys hiking, biking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Brandon Crane

Loan Officer-Tremonton

In April, Brandon Crane joined the Western AgCredit team as a Loan Officer in the Tremonton Branch. He's looking forward to the opportunity his job will give him to meet new and existing customers and provide them with resources to help them reach their goals.

Brandon has a bachelor's degree from Utah State and plans to begin an MBA soon. Prior

to coming to Western AgCredit, Brandon worked for another Farm Credit Association and a commercial bank. He's also a member of the National Guard where he serves as a Field Artillery Officer with the 145th FA BN.

Brandon grew up in Richfield, UT where his family grew crops and raised beef cattle. He now lives in Smithfield, UT with his wife, Brianna, and their three daughters. In his free time, Brandon enjoys woodworking, being outdoors and playing sports.



Michael Kelley

Loan Officer-Tremonton

In April, Michael Kelley started as a loan officer in the Tremonton Branch. He's excited to be working with the agriculture community close to where he was born and raised and to make credit decisions that benefit customers and the Association.

Michael graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and

a minor in economics. Prior to coming to Western AgCredit, he worked for another Farm Credit Association as a Loan officer in Oregon.

Originally from Preston, ID, Michael grew up working on farms and ranches, including his family's farm. He is married to Brittney, and together they have a daughter named Annie. Michael likes to hunt, fish, hike, snowmobile, ski and camp. He also enjoys watching local high school and college sports.

\$200 Gift Card Winner Announced

Western AgCredit is pleased to congratulate Kent McMurdie on winning the first quarter's \$200 gift card. He was randomly selected from the returned surveys.

To be eligible to win this quarterly drawing, customers must complete the survey received in the mail after renewing a current loan or getting a new loan. If you choose to include your name on the survey, you'll be eligible for our quarterly drawing for a \$200 gift card.

We value your business and appreciate your feedback. We want to ensure that we are meeting your needs and exceeding your expectations.

Receiving your feedback shortly after you've completed your transaction allows us to make adjustments to business practices in a timely manner. The survey is brief and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. We'd like to thank you in advance for completing the survey.

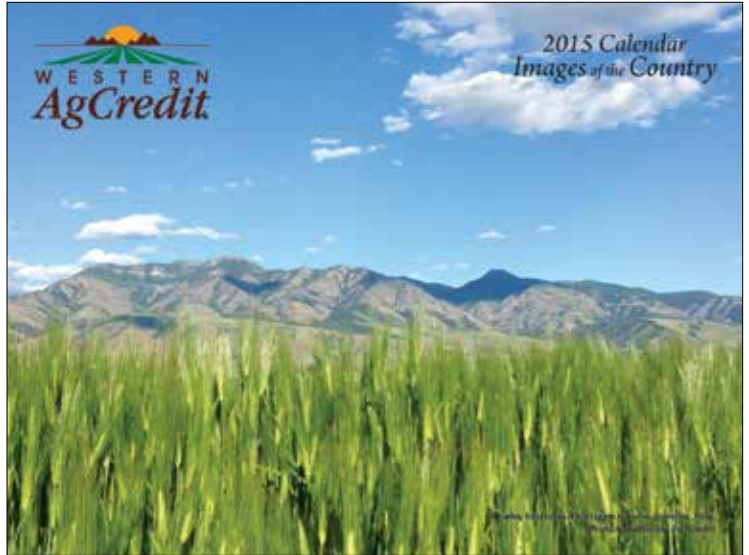
Photo Contest for the 2016 Calendar!

We hope you're enjoying your 2015 Western AgCredit calendar featuring pictures submitted by our customers. Now is the time to start taking pictures to submit for the 2016 calendar!

Thirteen agriculture related photos will be selected for the calendar, and winners will each get a \$50 gift card for his/her submission. There are no limits on submissions, so enter as many photos as you would like. **The submission deadline is August 31, 2015!**

High-quality digital photos are preferred, but other formats will be accepted. Submissions will not be returned. By submitting your photos, you give Western AgCredit the right to use photos for additional marketing purposes.

Please include a brief description of the photo including location and names of individuals, if present. Entries can be emailed to Sarah Buttars at sjb@westernagcredit.com, or mailed to her at PO Box 95850, South Jordan, UT 84095.



Cover of this year's Western AgCredit calendar.

Farm Credit Turns 100 Next Year, & We Want to Hear Your Stories!

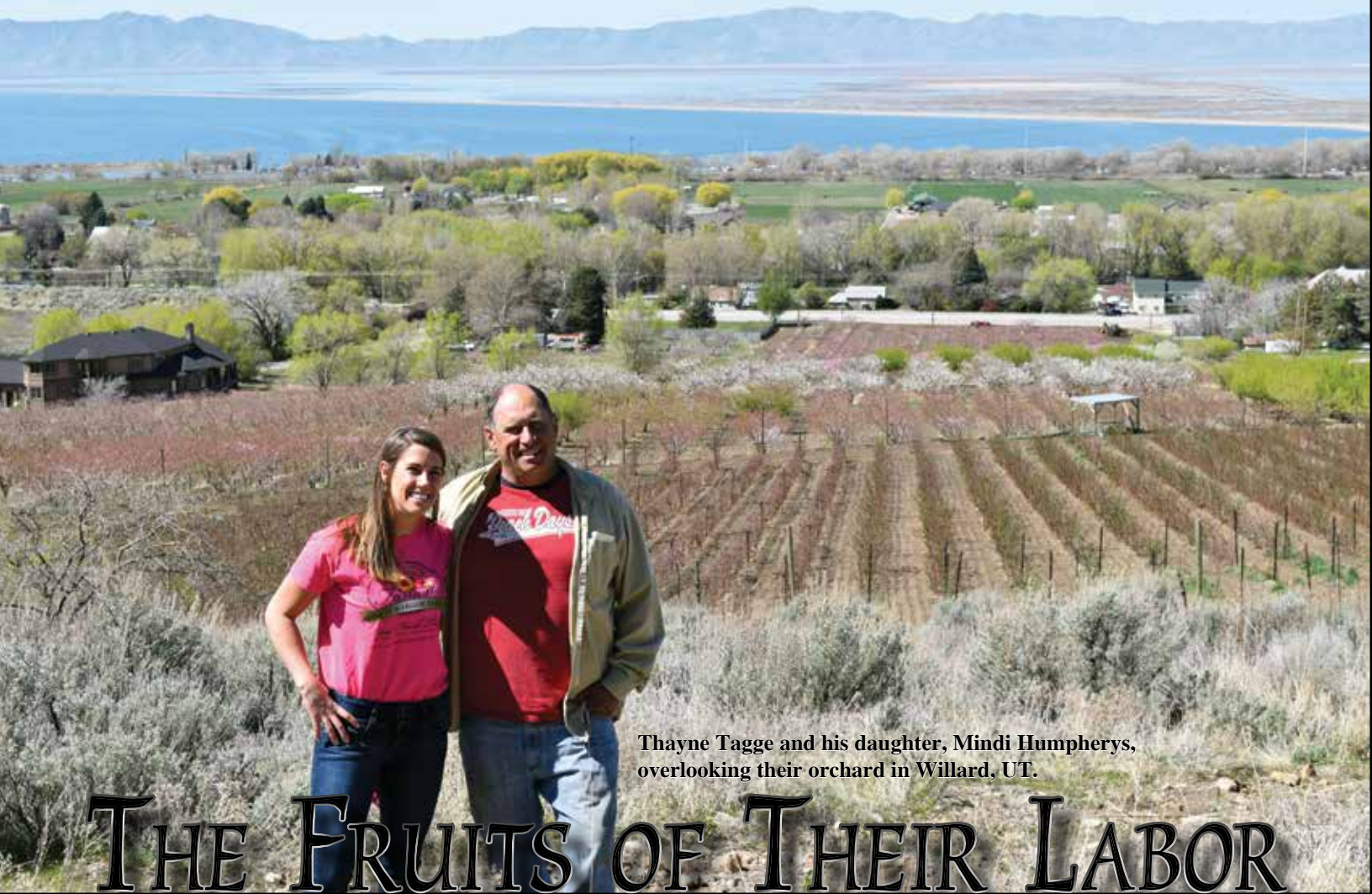
Next year, the Farm Credit System turns 100 years old! This is an incredible milestone that wouldn't be possible without generations of our member-borrowers supporting the Association.

During our centennial year, we will be highlighting some of the history of Farm Credit and agriculture. As part of this momentous event, we would like to share some stories from you, our customers! If you have a

story about how Western AgCredit has helped your family operation over the years, or if you have some historic farming information, including pictures, we want to hear from you! The information we receive could be included on our website, in Fencelines and in our social media channels. If you have something you'd like to share, please email it to Sarah Buttars at sjb@westernagcredit.com.



July 17, 1916: President Wilson signs the Federal Farm Loan Act which creates the Federal Land Banks and Federal Farm Loan Board, and "provided government start-up capital for cooperative agricultural lending agencies."



Thayne Tagge and his daughter, Mindi Humpherys, overlooking their orchard in Willard, UT.

THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR

The Tagge family provides fresh fruits & vegetables to retail customers throughout Northern Utah.

While in their early twenties, Thayne and Cari Tagge started reselling Bear Lake raspberries. Every morning while the berries were in season, they would drive to Bear Lake, pick up the berries, and bring them to Holladay, UT, where the Tagges live, to sell. While selling berries, Thayne had a customer request peaches, so he took the long way back from Bear Lake through Brigham City and picked-up peaches.

One summer, Thayne couldn't find the peaches he needed to meet the demand. "When I was getting peaches from Paul Sumida, I told him I needed to buy his orchard because I couldn't get enough peaches. I was begging to buy peaches at every fruit stand up and down the road and I couldn't get one peach," said Thayne. "He said he was selling his orchard that fall, and he would teach me how to farm."

The year was 1997, and Thayne, his wife Cari, and their four children went from fruit sellers to farmers. Paul Sumida sold them his orchard, fruit stand and equipment and taught them how to farm.

At the time, reselling fruit was only a part time job for Thayne, who also worked as a CPA. A CPA background

might not logically flow into a farming career, but Thayne put his business sense to work in an agricultural environment as a direct-to-consumer produce farmer.

Since purchasing the first orchard property in 1997, the Tagges have increased their fruit and vegetable production by purchasing additional ground in Willard and Perry. Today, the Tagge's, who operate under the business name Tagge's Famous Fruit & Veggie Farms, produce and sell cherries, blackberries, peaches, apricots, plums, tomatoes, peas, pumpkins, squash, sweet corn, watermelon, hard squash, peppers, nectarines, raspberries, green beans and cantaloupes. But, according to Thayne, "The four major food groups are peaches, sweet corn, tomatoes and berries. That's the local stuff people want. You've got to have those four crops and then everything else is gravy."

In addition to the various types of produce, they also raise different varieties. For instance, "Every peach blossom is different based on the variety, and we have 34 different varieties because we want to start picking the end of July and go clear until it freezes on October 12th," said Thayne.

“We grow a wide variety of pumpkins, so we have funky names for them, too. We have Frankenstein that’s a green pumpkin, we’ve got the Cinderella that are big, pink pumpkins, we’ve got pumpkins that have warts on them,” said Mindi Humpherys, daughter of Thayne and Cari and manager of the Perry Fruit stand.

Each variety of peach is picked three times, and they come on at different times. “You go in and pick it the first time, you wait about four days, and you can pick it two more times after that, and then that will overlap with the next crop,” said Thayne. “It’s all designed like that to come on periodically.”

With all those peaches to choose from, which variety is the best? “Everyone is always asking, what’s the best variety,” said Thayne. “To me, the longer it’s on the tree the better the peaches are, so I always tell them to wait until the kids are back into school until they can anything because those are the best peaches.”

The Tagges are always looking for ways to improve their production and their operation. Over the years, Thayne has taken advantage of new technology to improve the growing process. One of the major improvements is drip irrigation he’s added to his orchards with the help of Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) grants from NRCS. Watering through drip irrigation has dramatically reduced labor and preserved topsoil.

“When I first got this orchard and was watering by hand, I was killing myself because it was all open ditch, and you’d have to get it to furrow down. Now I save all my soil and all the water goes straight to the tree,” said Thayne. “Over the years, all the good soil would come down to the end of the rows. That doesn’t happen anymore, we’re keeping the good top soil instead of bringing it down. That, to me, is probably the biggest thing that’s made it really easy to farm is the drip irrigation, otherwise, forget it.”

For Thayne, his orchards in Willard and Perry, nestled on the mountainside and overlooking Willard Bay, are in a perfect location to raise a successful fruit crop. “We’re always just a little bit warmer because we’re up on the east side on the benches. We’ve got the effects of the water, the rockier soil, we’ve got all these tiny factors that start adding up,” said Thayne. “So, to me, this is one of the best areas. I’ve been the only one in the state with apricots sometimes because this valley is set-up to give us just a little more warmth.”

The Tagges have maximized the land they have by planting on all the available space. They’ve even gone in and added trees in-between the rows in older orchards to maximize production, a trend many growers are adopting as land prices increase. The trees don’t get as big, but the yield per acre increases and the trees don’t snap from the weight of the fruit.

Over the years, the Tagges have continued to invest in fruit to increase their production. Planting fruit is a big up-front investment that typically doesn’t yield a return for about three years since it takes that long to bear fruit, but the Tagges have made those investments to increase their production.

One of their recent investments is an organic blackberry patch that is now in full production. To be certified organic, the land has to go three years without the use of pesticides and insecticides and be certified by the state. The Tagges certified organic Willard Bay blackberries make them one of six certified organic farmers in the state, and they are being rewarded for their efforts. “At the Park City market, the customers knew that we had the organic blackberries and they would be waiting in line for us to unload our truck and the berries would sell out quickly,” said Mindi. “Every single one is juicy and sweet.”

The Tagges have also built hoop houses they use to grow tomatoes. They get up to three times as much for the

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Laci Tagge at a farmers market.



Tagge's Logo



Cari Tagge with a load of peaches.

early tomatoes as they get when tomatoes are in season. When it comes to selling their product, the Tagges have one goal in mind. “Our whole strategy is to sell at retail because literally I get twice as much,” said Thayne.

Cari runs the retail sales channels which include eight stands along the Wasatch front, 16 farmers markets, and 330 CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) customers. Distribution of their product is a major undertaking every day of the week during the summer and fall months when the produce is harvested. In order to have enough help to distribute everything, Cari hires 120 employees. High school and college students take care of the bulk of sales and deliveries during the summer months, and she supplements with her friends and mothers of her employees when school starts in the fall.

Saturday is their busiest day. Employees responsible for delivery arrive at 3:30 a.m. at their warehouse facility in Salt Lake to pack the trucks. At 6:00 a.m., those who will work as sellers at the markets arrive to finish loading, and they’ll leave at 6:30 or 7:00 a.m. for the markets. They load their trucks knowing what is in demand at different markets, and they include extra product so they don’t run out. If they start to get low during the market, employees will use walkie talkies to communicate with Cari to get more produce so they never run out of product.

“We get everything sold, there are no excuses, you’ve got to figure out a place to put it,” said Thayne.

About 10% of the Tagges’ production goes to jams and salsa. This gives them an outlet for the produce with blemishes or excess crop. It also gives them a product they can sell year-round.

Cari recognizes that for many of her employees, this is their first job, and she tries to teach them responsibility

and work ethic. Cari loves the interaction with employees and works to teach through example. “I have great workers. They have to be friendly, work hard and be street smart,” said Cari.

For the Tagges, they also lead by example and hope their workers follow suit. “They see Thayne and I running a business, and I’ll never ask them to do something I don’t do,” said Cari.

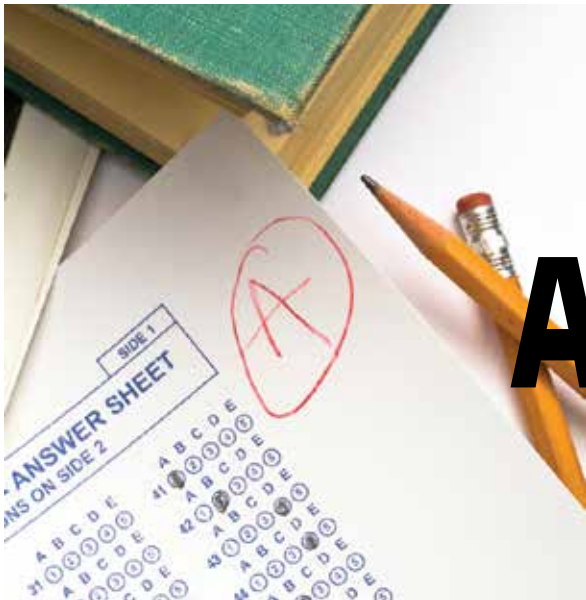
One of Cari’s favorite things to do is interact with customers at their fruit stands. Although becoming a farmer may not be what she saw herself doing before they purchased their first orchard, she’s been happy about the results, “You start your road of life, and it might not be the road you thought, but I love that my kids learned how to work and they were with us working,” said Cari.

So what’s next for Tagges Famous Fruit? They are working on planting certified organic raspberries on six acres in Huntsville. They also have plans to expand their facilities, including adding a cooler, in Perry. Additionally, “We just got a 33 acres in Clearfield on a five year lease with sandy soil so we can expand into other row crop vegetables,” said Thayne.

The Tagges business model in fruit and vegetable production, catering to consumer demand for fresh, local produce, has helped them capture additional profit by selling direct-to-consumers. They look forward to carrying on that tradition as they expand their operation and continue to provide the fresh produce their customers enjoy.



Thayne Tagge in front of his fruit stand in Perry, UT.



Test Your Ag Knowledge Winners!

Congratulations to Jan Anderson of Payson, UT & Kay Papageorge of Farr West, UT on their Winning Entries!

Answers:

- Why does a farmer plant cover crops?
 - to prevent the soil from washing away
 - to provide pretty blooms
 - to cover ugly land
 - to use the farm machines
- The hydroponic method of farming does not include:
 - Water
 - Soil
 - Nutrients
 - Plants
- Which product does the United States export?
 - Wheat
 - Spices
 - Coffee
 - Bananas
- Wool can also be called?
 - Feathers
 - Fleece
 - Scales
 - Fur
- These products are produced in most states?
 - Milk, Apples, Bananas
 - Milk, Eggs, Corn
 - Eggs, Wheat, Oranges
 - Lettuce, Apples, Wheat
- Nuts and seeds are a good source of what?
 - Sugar
 - Protein
 - Salt
 - Carbohydrates
- Which state produces the most food?
 - Wyoming
 - Texas
 - California
 - Iowa
- Which country produces the most food?
 - Mexico
 - India
 - Russia
 - United States
- Utah's largest agricultural product produced is?
 - Cattle
 - Hay
 - Eggs
 - Milk
- On average, one farmer produces enough food for how many people?
 - 10
 - 45
 - 130
 - 250
- Carrots are an important source of which nutrient?
 - Iron
 - Calcium
 - Vitamin C
 - Vitamin A
- Agriculture includes food and fiber production, processing, sales, farm equipment sales, and other areas close to farming. With that in mind, how many people out of every 100 people in the U.S. work in some phase of agriculture?
 - 5
 - 10
 - 20
 - 30
- How much does one bushel of corn weigh?
 - 5 Pounds
 - 112 Pounds
 - 56 Pounds
 - 23 Pounds
- The USDA reports that raw food inputs makes up what percent of each food dollar?
 - 5%
 - 10%
 - 19%
 - 25%
- Which state is known for its wheat production?
 - Kansas
 - North Carolina
 - Oregon
 - South Dakota

UDAF Agricultural Certificate of Environmental Stewardship

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF), Utah Conservation Commission (UCC), and the Utah Water Quality Board in conjunction with producer groups have developed a certification program that rewards and recognizes farmers and ranchers who use current science and best management practices in their operation.

The Agricultural Certificate of Environmental Stewardship program (ACES) is a voluntary program that encourages producers to assess their current management practices and implement best management practices in their continual effort to protect the environment and remain competitive. It provides agricultural producers with access to information about current environmental regulations, science and best management practices available to implement those regulations. Consumers can be reassured that when they purchase locally grown agricultural products that are ACES certified they were produced in an environmentally friendly manner while supporting wildlife, open space and enhancing the local economy.

The ACES program divides agriculture into four sectors: Farmstead, Animal Feeding Operation, Cropping and Grazing. Workbooks have been developed for each sector which contain specify requirements dealing with environmental regulations, required management standards and best management practices. Certified Planners are available to help producers work through the requirements in the workbooks and provide technical support as needed. To find the nearest certified planner contact your local conservation district, or visit UDAF website under the ACES section: (www.ag.utah.gov/aces/index.html/). Once an operation has completed the workbook(s) and a certified planner has confirmed that all requirements have been met, the operation can then apply for certification. The operation does this by completing the contact information and signature page found in the back of each workbook and submitting them to UDAF. UDAF will then verify completion of all requirements by doing an on-site visit and reviewing each workbook requirement with the producer and all records supporting certification requirements. After this audit is complete the certification request will be submitted to the UCC for approval of certification. Once an operation is certified the certification remains in effect for five years, as long as all conditions of the certification are met. The operation can renew certification for another five years by going through the complete review process again to verify that the operation is still meeting all requirements and maintaining all practices.

The Farmstead is considered to be the central area of operation including home/office, yards, storage facilities and other

buildings. Almost every agricultural operation will have a Farmstead and need to complete the workbook requirements. The main focus of this sector is the proper storage and handling of chemicals, petroleum products, fertilizers and feed. Also, every Farmstead will need an emergency plan and spill kit in order to qualify for certification. An Animal Feeding Operation is a lot or facility where animals are confined for more than 45 days in a 12 month period and vegetation is not maintained in a normal growing seasons. The Animal Feeding workbook contains questions dealing with the proper storage and handling of feed and waste. It also evaluates any runoff from the facility and weed control. The Cropping sector consists of the area where crops are planted, raised, and harvested. This includes but is not limited to fruits, vegetables, grain, oil seeds and alfalfa. The Cropping workbook focus on irrigation management, soil health, fertilizer and pesticide application and weed control. The Grazing sector is considered to be any vegetated land that is grazed or has the potential to be grazed by animals. The workbook for this sector deals with the implementation of a grazing management plan either on private or public land. Theses plans focus on a Time, Timing and Intensity method, which provides proper utilization and protection of riparian areas and other forage areas will be managed for proper harvesting of plants. This protects plant diversity and reduces available fuel for wildfires.

The ACES program provides benefits to the consumer, agricultural producer and the environment by:

- Preserving Utah's soil, land and wildlife (Open Space)
- Protecting Utah's water (Quality & Quantity)
- Providing a local healthy food supply
- Improving air quality
- Ensuring operation meets state and federal regulations
- Utilizing renewable resources
- Sustaining local economy

Agriculture in the state of Utah plays a major role in not only protecting the environment but also in providing a standard of living enjoyed by all Utahans. Currently there are several operations working on becoming ACES certified, we would encourage all agricultural operations in Utah to become ACES certified and gain the recognition deserved.

If you have any questions are would like to become ACES certified you may contact Jay Olsen office 801-538-7174, cell 801-718-0517 or jayolsen@utah.gov or Bracken Davis at 801-538-7171 or brackendavis@utah.gov.

Richmond's Bovine Beauty Contest Turns 100!

BY: CLARK ISRAELSEN, CACHE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

For 100 continuous years, Richmond city, loyal supporters and a troop of dedicated volunteers have hosted the annual Richmond Black and White Days. Pessimists have predicted the event's demise for many years, but months and even years of planning are now being finalized as we anticipate the centennial celebration May 12-16.

I have in my possession a short history of Richmond Black and White Days, written by Amos Bair. Bair reports that Clarence L. Funk, who ran a dairy southwest of Richmond, read about the Parrish Dairy Show in an issue of the Hoard's Dairyman magazine. A meeting was held on March 17, 1913 in the room above the Richmond bank to discuss the possibilities of organizing a dairy show in Richmond. Twelve men attended the meeting.

J. L. McCarree suggested that everyone bring their cattle into town and drive them, as a herd, down Main Street where everyone could see them. His motion did not carry, but it was decided to put the animals into a corral by the Tithing Yard west of town, where the Harris farm stands today. As such, in the spring of 1913 the dairy farmers ran their cattle into one large corral, and the judges rode through them on horseback pointing out the better animals. The show was not held for the next two years because of the flu. Foot and mouth disease was also prevalent at that time.

The show began in earnest in 1915 and for the next three years was held in an open field west and north of the present library building. In 1916, an auctioneer by the name of Colonel Walters, stood on a flat rock at noon and announced they were going to hold an auction sale. It turned out no one wanted to sell their cattle, so the auction was a total bust.

In 1918 the show was moved to a public square located between First and Second West on Main Street, just below where the old Tabernacle used to stand. The area had a six-foot board fence on three sides and served as an excellent place to exhibit dairy cattle.

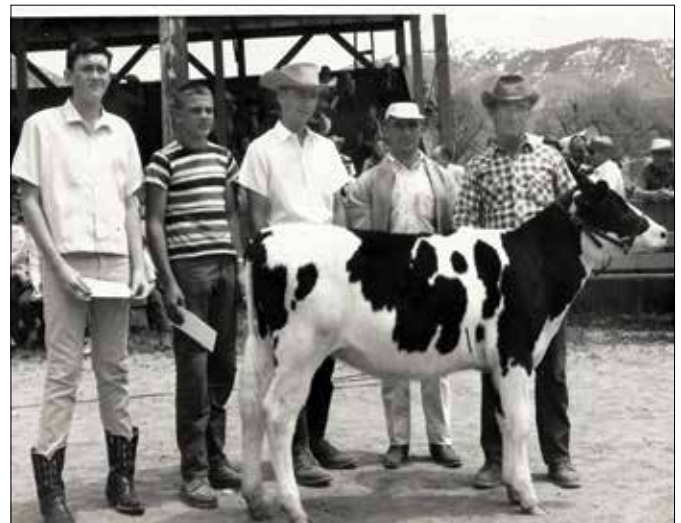
A 1923 publication titled, "The Milk Pail", printed by the Sego Milk Products Company, was perhaps the first premium list for the show. Included in this publication was an excellent photo titled "Only a bird's eye view", showing the Richmond Black and White show being held on the public square. The periodical reports "it was a beautiful day, the crowd was large, and it was an interesting one. Exhibitors were jubilant, whether they lost or won. The cattle were contented, perfect harmony prevailed. If one complained, no one heard him.... It was a great day for Cache Valley."

The publication continues; "Richmond, Utah is the Holstein-Fresian center of the intermountain country. It is the home of a very large number of well-bred and good producing animals. Someday, Richmond will furnish the farmers of Utah and surrounding states, herds of registered and well-bred animals and, in addition, will furnish thousands of pounds of milk to the Sego Milk Products Company. ...It is home of Marathon Best Burkes the 25th, the greatest bull in the world."

Today, the Richmond Black and White Dairy Show has become one of the premier dairy shows in the entire world. This highly competitive bovine beauty contest, now known as the Western Spring National Show, has been designated national status by the Holstein-Friesian Association. As such, we attract some of the finest Holstein dairy cattle from multiple states and always host international visitors, too. Each animal is individually identified with a certified pedigree and washed, clipped and handled, often by professional fitters. Official placings are immediately available worldwide at www.holsteinusa.com. Anyone who has an appreciation for quality dairy cattle is awe struck as near perfect, high producing, dairy animals are methodically exhibited in the show ring and valuable consignments are sold at the annual Heritage Sale.



A view of the Black & White Days show in 1933.



The first Heifer Contest winner at Black & White Days.

Customer Scholarship Winners

Western AgCredit would like to congratulate this year's \$1500 Customer Scholarship recipients. Applicants were evaluated on their academic performance, service, leadership, involvement in agriculture and their response to an essay. Below is information on the winners.



Ashlee Humphries

Hometown: Enterprise, Utah

Parents: Brandon and Amber Humphries

This spring, Ashlee will graduate from Enterprise High School. While in high school, Ashlee served as secretary and vice president in the FFA, played volleyball, was a member of the drill team, participated in student government and was a member of the yearbook staff. She is active in her community as head writer of the Enterprise City Newsletter and a member of the Youth City Council. She also finds time to volunteer and serve in her church. Ashlee has been actively involved in her family's beef and crop operation. Her responsibilities include animal health care, moving sprinklers, hauling hay and feeding cattle. In the fall, Ashlee plans to attend Southern Utah University to study athletic training.



Scott Griffin

Hometown: Mapleton, Utah

Parents: Clyde and Jana Griffin

Family Ranch: Mount Loafer Farm and Ranch, LLC

Scott is currently a senior at Maple Mountain High School. He is drum major in the marching band, secretary of the Key Club, historian for the National Honor Society, co-captain of the Science Olympiad, and a member of Future Business Leaders of America. Scott has also served on the Mapleton Youth City Council, received his Eagle Scout award and volunteers at a local elementary school. While serving on the Youth City Council, he identified a need for publicity to encourage residents to support the local farmers market. With the help of the rest of the council members, they publicized the farmers market, increasing attendance and supporting the farmers. Scott plans on attending Brigham Young University to study electrical engineering in the fall.



Connor Dyreng

Hometown: Gunnison, Utah

Parents: Richard and Annette Dyreng

Family Ranch: Dyreng Farms

Conner is a junior at Utah State University studying agri-systems tech and agribusiness. While attending school, Connor works for a landscape maintenance company and at Lowes. In high school, Connor served as student body vice president, FFA Vice-president, and team captain of the football and basketball teams. Connor was also president of the Utah Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Club at Snow College. Connor served a mission for the LDS church. During the summer, he works on his family's crop operation where he's responsible for taking care of wheel lines on 400 acres of the 1,200 acre farm and he's learning the business side of the operation. After college, Connor plans to return to the family farm.



Saddle Webster

Hometown: Cedar City, Utah
Parents: Mark and Heidi Webster
Family Ranch: Wayne A. Smith Family LP

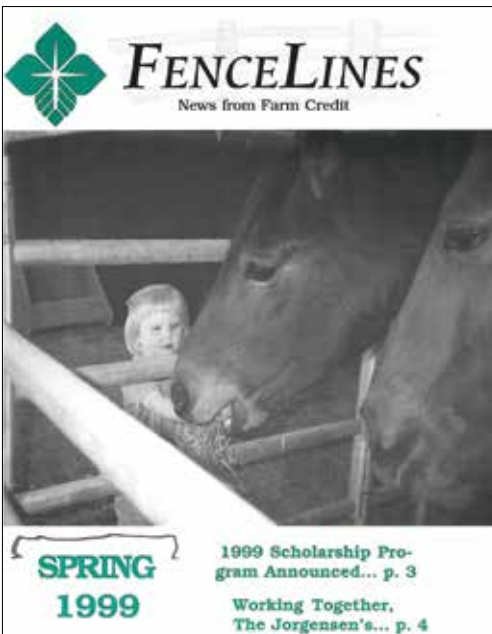
Saddle is currently a senior at Cedar High. She is active in the FFA, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America and the Cedar High Symphonic Band. She also participates in cross country and track. Saddle has organized several fund raisers and volunteered at the Washington County Food Bank. Saddle has worked on her family farm since she was 10. Her responsibilities include doctoring sick cattle, irrigating, feeding and fencing. She also works as an intern at a veterinarian clinic, which is good experience for her career goal of becoming a vet. Saddle will attend Utah State University in the fall to study bioveterinary science.

Taylor Jorgensen

Hometown: Mt. Pleasant, Utah
Parents: Todd and Angela Jorgensen
Family Farm: Jorgensen Farms and Skyline Sheep

In the 1999 Spring Issue of FenceLines, a young girl feeding a horse was the cover photo. Inside, her family’s operation was spotlighted. The girl on the cover was two year old Taylor Jorgensen. Now a senior in high school, Taylor still has a love for horses as you can see from the picture below!

Taylor is a senior at North Sanpete High School. She has lettered for four years in volleyball and received many other honors associated with volleyball. She is a member of the National Honors Society and has received



Certificates of Excellence in English and Government. Taylor has volunteered to help children read and she volunteers teaching kids how to play volleyball.

Taylor is also involved on the family farm, helping with the loading, feeding, hauling and docking of their 4,000 ewes as well as helping in the turkey and crop portion of their operation. In the fall, Taylor plans to attend Snow College where she will study agriculture. After obtaining her bachelor’s degree, Taylor plans to become a veterinarian or veterinary technician.



About Western AgCredit Scholarships

As part of Western AgCredit’s commitment to the future of agriculture, Western AgCredit sponsors various scholarships to help educate future leaders who will be committed to the agriculture industry. Deadlines for most scholarships sponsored by Western AgCredit are between January and March. Watch for scholarship details in the Winter edition of FenceLines. You can also email Sarah Buttars at sjb@westernagcredit.com for more information.



GIVES BACK

Western AgCredit is committed to supporting agriculture and being good corporate citizens. Below is an overview of community support and financial support given to the agriculture community in recent months.

Western AgCredit's FFA Scholarship Recipients



Courtney Boekweg

At this year's FFA Convention held in Richfield, UT on March 13, 2015, Western AgCredit awarded two scholarships, one in cooperation with IFA. Each scholarship was for \$1500 and students were selected based on their application, record book, letters of recommendation and a personal interview.

Courtney Boekweg from the Stansbury FFA Chapter received the Western AgCredit scholarship. Courtney's Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) included raising market lambs, chickens and turkeys. Courtney plans on pursuing a degree in agricultural education. Danielle Boore of the Gunnison FFA Chapter received the joint scholarship. Her SAE included working as a ranch hand and at a nursery. She plans to study agricultural education.



Danielle Boore

Reading Assistance Provide to Elementary Schools

Western AgCredit team members from our Logan and Tremonton offices have committed to helping local elementary schools by reading with students on a weekly basis.

Logan staff volunteer at Summit Elementary in Smithfield, UT. They read with students every Tuesday and Thursday morning, with the assignment rotating between different employees so that everyone has an opportunity to serve and the project doesn't take away from work duties.

"The Logan staff has taken the time each week to help students who do not currently read at the expected level. Tasks that we help with are timed readings, comprehension, word banks, and for the last 10 minutes the student reads a book at their level to us," said Lilly Stonecipher, Logan Branch Secretary. "The Logan staff was assigned one particular student and it was reported that currently our student is reading at his expected level!"

Every week during the first quarter, one of the loan officers in the Tremonton Branch read with students at McKinley Elementary in Tremonton, UT.

RECENT SPONSORSHIPS

- UT/AZ RANGE CONFERENCE*
- UTAH FARM BUREAU YF&R D.C. TRIP*
- UTAH FARMER'S UNION ANNUAL MTG.*

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Laughing Pen

“The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings.”

-Masanobu Fukuoka

Planting Trees

A fellow stopped at a rural gas station and, after filling his tank, he paid the bill and bought a soft drink. He stood by his car to drink his cola and he watched a couple of men working along the roadside.

One man would dig a hole two or three feet deep and then move on. The other man came along behind and filled in the hole. While one was digging a new hole, the other was about 25 feet behind filling in the old. The men worked right past the fellow with the soft drink and went on down the road.

“I can’t stand this,” said the man tossing the can in a trash container and heading down the road toward the men.

“Hold it, hold it,” he said to the men. “Can you tell me what’s going on here with this digging?”

“Well, we work for the county,” one of the men said.

“But one of you is digging a hole and the other is filling it up. You’re not accomplishing anything. Aren’t you wasting the county’s money?” said the first man.

“You don’t understand, mister,” one of the men said, leaning on his shovel and wiping his brow. “Normally there’s three of us--me, Rodney and Mike. I dig the hole, Rodney sticks in the tree and Mike here puts the dirt back.”

“Yea,” piped up Mike. “Now just because Rodney’s sick, that don’t mean we can’t work, does it?”

A Cownundrum

A farmer counted 196 cows in the field, but when he rounded them up, he had 200.

Warning Labels You Can Really Use

Google: “Warning! You may find more than what you’re looking for.”

Apple computers: “Warning! High Smug Advisory.”

Wikipedia: “Warning label does not exist. Would you like to create warning label?”

Match.com: “Contents may just be settling.”

The Secret to Successful Fishing

Two men have been ice fishing all day. One has had no luck, while the other has pulled out a ton of fish.

“What’s your secret?” asks the unlucky fisherman.

“Mmmmm mmm mm mmm mmmmm mmm mmm,” is the reply.

“I’m sorry; what did you say?”

“Mmmmm mmm mm mmm.”

“I still didn’t understand you.”

The lucky fisherman spits something into his hand and says slowly and clearly, “You’ve got to keep your worms warm.”



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