

Farmers FEEDING UTAH

This is a challenging time for many Americans and access to food is more essential than ever.

Farmers Feeding Utah is a project of the 'Miracle of Agriculture Foundation,' which is the charitable arm of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. Farmers Feeding Utah is a combined effort between the Utah Farm Bureau, Utah State University, and various community partners and volunteers across the state hoping to address hardships related to the current food supply chain challenges and family food insecurity. This effort simultaneously helps sustain Utah's family farmers and ranchers who have been impacted by the pandemic.

"We have been thrilled at the response so far for this campaign from everyday Utahns and even others beyond our state's borders. To be able to take something that has been as devastating as this virus, and turn it around to help hungry families and our state's farmers and ranchers, has been inspiring. We have been able to see farmers and ranchers helped, all while making sure those among us in greatest need of food receive help they need. I know we can continue to rise to meet the needs in front of us."

Ron Gibson, Utah Farm Bureau Federation President

"USU has been a proud partner of the Farmers Feeding Utah campaign. We have friends and neighbors all over the state who are struggling with food insecurity right now, and we are committed to doing all we can to help them. The Salt Lake City area is hit especially hard because of their higher population concentration, and we are happy that Farm Bureau, USU Extension and other partners can come together to make these miracle projects happen. We look forward to supporting future projects all over the state."

Ken White, Utah State University Extension Vice President

Challenge



Processing shortages and market losses have left many Utah farmers without an outlet for their products.



There has been a **300% increased need for food assistance.** Access to healthy, high-quality foods is critical to helping families gain food security.



Due to higher demand and lower supply, **many pantries do not have enough food** for the families they serve.

Solution

Launched by the Utah Farm Bureau Federation in early May, the Farmers Feeding Utah campaign has a two-fold goal of helping sustain farmers and ranchers impacted by COVID-19 and providing food to Utah families in need.



Funds are raised



Agricultural commodities are purchased and (if needed) processed



Food is distributed to those in need with the help of community-based organizations



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Food Distribution Sites



Over **1.5 million** lbs. of nutrient-dense food distributed



\$3,473,357.42
retail value donated



Over **30,064** Utah families served



31 local pantries assisted



Numerous Utah farmers and ranchers helped throughout Utah

Upcoming Events

Carbon and Grand County - June 24

Salt Lake County - July 28

Navajo Nation - TBD

Keep watching our website and social media for upcoming project locations and dates.

MORE INFORMATION

To contribute as an agency, individual donor, corporate donor, volunteer, or have farm products to sell or donate to this campaign, visit FarmersFeedingUtah.org.



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