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.



More than 15,000 individuals have recently signed up for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Utah.



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.









Agricultural commodities are purchased and (if needed) processed



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





Navajo Nation Miracle Project

Farmers Feeding Utah donated



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Over 4,000



16,000 lbs. of frozen lamb



of flour

individuals fed

to community members of the Utah Chapters of the Navajo Reservation

The retail value of the food received was more than double the amount of donations, at approximately

\$200,000

Northern Utah Miracle Project

Farmers Feeding Utah donated









42.000 lbs. of potatoes

20.000 lbs. of beef

3.000 lbs. of pork

19,000 dozen eggs

\$100,000 of dairy

to 450 families in Cache Valley and to stock four local food pantries

In total, the 100,000+ pounds of food had a retail value of more than

\$331,000

West Salt Lake Event

Farmers Feeding Utah donated



40.000 lbs

of potatoes







18,000 dozen eggs

35,000 lbs of carrots

3,000 lbs of goat/lamb



420 lbs of mushrooms



5,950 lbs of corn



800 lbs of cherries



350 lbs of garlic



8,000 lbs of beef



240 lbs of cheese



250 lbs of zucchini

to 1,500 families and to stock four local food pantries

The retail value of the food received was approximately

\$112,000

Pint Size Salvation Army Ogden Event

Farmers Feeding Utah donated







2,000 lbs of potatoes



1,000 lbs of salami



200 lbs of eggs

to 400 families in Ogden

Additional pint size projects completed include:

Delta, Fillmore, and Wasatch Front

Future

Uinta Basin will be our next project on September 25th. Keep watching our social media as it is current with projects. Donations and help are always needed.

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. One hundred percent of donations will go to purchasing, processing and distributing locally sourced food to families in need.





For more information about Farmers Feeding Utah, visit

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