Agriculture Is Vital to Utah’s Economy

- In 2013 Utah’s agriculture industry contributed more than $2 billion to the state’s economy.

- According to the 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture Utah has more than 18,000 farms and 10.9 million acres of farmland. Over 87% of farms are less than 500 acres, with the average farm size of 609 acres.
  - 15,807 farms have less than 500 acres.
  - 892 farms have between 500-1000 acres.
  - 1,328 farms have more than 1000 acres.

- Roughly one-third of Utah’s agriculture cash receipts come from meat sales (beef, hog and sheep).

- Utah also grows barley, wheat, dry edible beans, potatoes, onions and corn. Crop production accounts for roughly one-third of total cash receipts.

- Nationally, Utah ranks 2nd in mink, 6th in sheep and 15th in trout production. It also ranks second in tart cherries, 3rd in apricots, 8th in sweet cherries, 9th in pears and 18th in peaches, nationally.

Crop Insurance Is Vital to Utah’s Agricultural Sector

- Crop insurance protected $36 million of liability on growing crops in Utah in 2014. There were 182,227 acres insured and more than $2.8 million was paid to farmers in indemnities for production and/or revenue losses.

- The top commodities (liability) for crop insurance protection in 2014 were:
  - Wheat - $11 million, protecting 83,142 acres.
  - Cherries - $5.4 million, protecting 1,583 acres.
  - Corn - $4.3 million, protecting 11,773 acres.

- The private crop-hail insurance product provided an additional $2.9 million in liability protection on growing crops in Utah.