Agriculture Is Vital to Utah’s Economy

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

- Utah has 18,000 farms and 11 million acres of farmland. More than 87 percent of farms are less than 500 acres, with the average farm size of 608 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 farmers also grows barley, wheat, dry edible beans, potatoes, onions and corn. Crop production accounts for roughly one-third of total cash receipts.

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.