



Cache County Agriculture Advisory Board
179 North Main, Logan, Ut 84321

Conservation Easement Survey of Interest

If you are pursuing or considering a conservation easement on your property, please provide the following information to the Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board. This information will be used to gauge the level of interest in conservation easements in the county as well as assist county officials in prioritizing local projects.

Common name of property or project:

Name and address of property owners:

Application submitted by:

Address (street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip):

Phone (home): _____ phone (work): _____

E-Mail _____

Date Submitted: _____

Brief description of proposed project:

Approximate acreage and current use of project:

Have you made application to any of the following entities (if so, please include a copy)?

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| USDA Farm and Ranch Protection Program | Yes___ No___ |
| Utah Quality Growth Commission LeRay McAllister | Yes___ No___ |
| Utah Department of Food and Agriculture | Yes___ No___ |
| Critical Resource Lands Conservation Fund | Yes___ No___ |
| Utah Department of Natural Resources (Div of Wildlife Resources) | Yes___ No___ |
| USDA Forest Legacy Program | Yes___ No___ |
| The Nature Conservancy | Yes___ No___ |
| Utah Open Lands | Yes___ No___ |
| Trust for Public Land | Yes___ No___ |
| Other (please identify) _____ | |

Please mail this form (and legal description and plat map, if available) to: Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board, c/o Garth Day, Director of Countywide Development Services, 179 N. Main, Logan, UT 84321.

Cache Valley residents are experiencing a renewed interest in preserving the area's productive farm and rangeland. Recent surveys have shown that Cache County continues to lose more than one square mile of farmland a year. All the while, the county is one of the most productive in the state, producing more than \$110 million in farm-gate revenues annually.

However, there are a variety of private and public land protection methods that can be used to protect and preserve agricultural operations from the impacts on non-farm development.

The options are complex and varied. There is no way to protect or preserve working farmland. There are several groups or agencies in Cache Valley that are able to assist landowners in this endeavor.

Enclosed in this landowner packet is information we hope will be helpful to you as a Landowner interested in preserving your working land. The following is included:

- ◆ Basic information on a variety of ag preservation tools:
 - American Farmland Trust Fact Sheet: The Farmland Protection Toolbox;
 - American Farmland Trust Fact Sheet: Agricultural Conservation Easements;
 - USDA NRCS Farmland Protection Program Fact Sheets
 - Brochures Trust for Public Lands and Utah Open Lands;
 - Agricultural Land Protection: Securing Our Future: an overview by the Utah Association of Conservation Districts;
 - Brochure on Agriculture Protection Area in Cache County;
 - Purchase of Development Rights: Conserving Lands, Preserving Western Livelihoods
- ◆ Contact information for local groups and agencies available to assist landowners and where to find out more;
- ◆ A survey form for landowners pursuing or considering a permanent conservation easement. The information will be submitted to the Cache County Agriculture Advisory Board, which is compiling information on the interest in a local conservation easement program and preparing of a ranking system to determine how public funds will be distributed.

Landowners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the various ag preservation tools through research on the internet or by sending away for written materials. A base level of knowledge is very helpful in deciding which local groups or agencies you choose to work with as you consider your ag preservation project.