

Extension News

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UTAH PILOTS AGRICULTURE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP



Utah has been selected as one of eight pilot sites to use the Strengthening Community Agrosecurity Planning program to help local communities prepare for the effects of agriculture disasters.

These workshops are part of an Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) proposal to include agriculture issues in local emergency

plans. The Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University and the University of Kentucky are leading the project.

"The selection process for the host sites will be based upon their progress toward development of a local agrosecurity plan," stated the EDEN proposal. "Communities with more developed agrosecurity plans can improve their existing plans and will also evaluate and provide suggestions for improvement of the training workshops."

Cache County was chosen as the first host site in Utah and will begin the pilot sometime in early 2009, according to Kerry Rood, USU Extension Veterinarian. A meeting will be held on Oct. 22 to organize a team to facilitate this event in the county.

"We are excited about this opportunity to work with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Utah's Division of Homeland Security and Cache County to facilitate agrosecurity planning," said Rood. "Should the pilot prove successful, our vision is to provide this planning for all of Utah counties."

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-11

National 4-H Week—State Bake and Take Week—Utah
utah4h.org/

October 7-8

Western Region CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop - SLC
extension.usu.edu/grantsmanship/

October 16-18

4- H Teen Leadership Training—Logan
utah4h.org/hm/events-registration/teen-leadership-training

October 17-19

Utah Bioneers—Logan
extension.usu.edu/bioneers

4-H AND FFA YOUTHS SORT 100,000 POUNDS OF DONATED MEAT

More than 100 volunteer youths gathered to sort 100,000 pounds of donated meat during a service project held Sept. 27 at the Salt Lake City Food Bank.

"The event was held to celebrate this year's success and to recognize those involved, especially the Utah State University Extension 4-H agents and FFA advisors who have been instrumental in the expansion of the program," said USU Extension Davis County agent Justen Smith.

The frozen meat that 4-H and FFA youth sorted, in partnership with Questar and other corporate sponsor teams, was provided through the Donated Meat Program and will now be distributed to food bank warehouses throughout Utah.

In 2008, more than 100,000 pounds of meat was donated to the food bank through this program, a whopping 24,000 pounds more than last year, said Smith. This meat was purchased with donated money from junior livestock sales in Utah to support 4-H and FFA youths with their livestock fair projects.

The program was started in 2005 by a Farmington 4-H club and has now expanded to include 11 counties in Utah, two in Wyoming and two in Idaho. Smith said 3,000 pounds of meat was donated to the Utah Food Bank the first year, but the amount has rapidly increased through the succeeding years.



EXTENSION AGENT, SPECIALIST EARN WATER QUALITY AWARDS



Mark Nelson, USU Extension Beaver County director and agriculture agent, and James Bowns (pictured), USU Extension range resources specialist, were both presented a 2008 Utah Nonpoint Source Task Force Water Quality Award on Sept. 17 at the Annual Utah Nonpoint Conference in Cedar City.

"This award recognizes landowners, educators, professionals and organizations that have made a difference in improving water quality in Utah," said Nancy Mesner, USU Extension specialist in water quality and associate dean of the college of natural resources. "Educating our citizens and helping them change behaviors that lead to water quality protection cannot happen without the efforts of people like Jim and Mark."

Mesner said that Nelson was nominated for his consistent support of the water quality efforts in Beaver County and his leadership role in improving water quality in the Beaver River watershed; Bowns was nominated for his impact in educating ranchers, range specialists and youths on proper range management that improve water quantity and quality.

USU EXTENSION CO-SPONSORS WRITING WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER

The Western Region CSREES Grantsmanship Workshop and Writing Winning Grants will be held on Oct. 7-8 at the Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City.

The Grantsmanship Workshop, co-sponsored by USU Extension, is designed to help grant writers improve their success and to highlight the programs in USDA-CSREES NRI. For information on registration, hotels and the program agenda, visit extension.usu.edu/grantsmanship/ or call 1-800-563-2663 or 435-797-0423.

LATINO PROGRAM LEADER INVITED AS GRAD KEYNOTE SPEAKER

USU Extension Program Leader for Latino Communities Hector Mendiola was the keynote speaker for the second graduating class of a community learning center for Spanish speakers on Sept. 30.

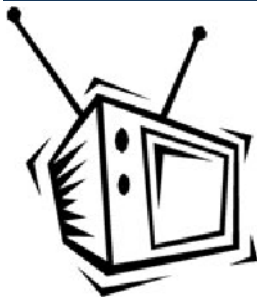
At the graduation for the Tecnológico de Monterrey community learning center, in the USU Extension/Monterrey Tec/Granite School District Association, Mendiola spoke about the importance of the USU Extension Programs for Latino Communities, addressing the wellbeing of the Spanish speaking families by enriching education.

"By developing technology skills, parents take advantage of learning at their own pace, improving self-esteem and passing this message to children," said Mendiola. "This is a solid base to get a stronger community relationship."

The Tecnológico de Monterrey is a Mexican private university that teaches daily life skills such as basic computer skills and English. The courses are part of a bilingual associated education that is offered to Latino families in schools across Utah, said Mendiola. He said there are 1,400 community learning centers in the United States, Central America and South America. One-hundred forty of those are in the United States and one in Utah, the USU Extension/Logan High School.



TELEVISION TO SWITCH TO ALL DIGITAL IN FEBRUARY 2009



On Feb. 17, 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States begin broadcasting only in digital broadcasting, according to the TV Converter Box Coupon program Web site.

"Digital broadcasting promises to provide a clearer picture and more programming options and will free up airwaves for use by emergency responders," according to the Web site.

The TV Converter Box Coupon program will give up to two \$40 coupons toward the cost of an eligible converter box. Visit <https://www.dtv2009.gov/> for more information and other conversion options.

EXTENSION NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES NOW ONLINE

A newsletter archive link was added last month on the Extension Marketing and Communications Web site for easy reference to monthly newsletters distributed to USU Extension.

To view a newsletter, visit <http://extension.usu.edu/marketing/html/newsletter-archives>. Please contact Extension marketing with any questions.

AGENT RECOGNIZED FOR JAPANESE BEETLE ERADICATION EFFORT

Adrian Hinton, USU Extension Utah County horticulture agent received recognition from the Utah State Department of Agriculture and Food on Sept. 9 for excellence in the Japanese Beetle Eradication Program. Clare Allen and Larry Lewis from the Department of Agriculture presented Hinton and Utah County Master Gardner/Diagnostician Meredith Seaver the award.



Hinton has been the horticulture advisor for the County Justice Garden, as well as three other major county facilities. Last season, the jail produced over 41 tons of various produce from 19 vegetable varieties. Approximately 25 percent of this produce went to the Orem City residents.

Orem City Mayor Jerry Washburn commented on the great success of the Japanese Beetle Eradication Program for the citizens of his jurisdiction. He said this was the second year of this program and it reduced the number of beetles in the target area by 96 percent.

TAKE A LOOK AT RECENT EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications Completed in September 2008

[Teaching Risk Management Principles to Livestock Producers Through Production-Oriented Workshops](#)

[Fitting the Western or English Saddle to the Horse](#)

[Inspecting and Buying a New or Used Saddle](#)

[Selecting a Saddle to Fit the Rider](#)

[Teens Reaching Youth \(TRY\) 4-H Volunteer Program](#)

[Basic Parliamentary Procedure for 4-H Clubs](#)

[Basic Tips for 1st Year Junior Livestock Market Projects](#)

[Giving a 4-H Foods Demonstration](#)

[Eye-Catching Visual Aids for 4-H Demonstrations](#)

Visit the USU Extension publication site by clicking [here](#).

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT EXTENSION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Professional positions within Utah State Extension are currently open and we would like your help in spreading the word. Below is a list of positions needing to be filled. Please forward this list to anyone you know who might be interested in applying.

Northern Region

[4-H Community Club Coordinator - Salt Lake County](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor and 4-H Agent \(FCS emphasis\) - Cache County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Academic Counselor - Tooele](#)

[4-H Afterschool Junior High Assistant Site Coordinator - Tooele](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor and Horticulture Agent - Salt Lake County](#)

[Staff Assistant II - Salt Lake County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Coordinator - Clearfield](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor and 4-H Agent - FCS Emphasis - Davis County](#)

Southeast Region

[Middle School Afterschool Mentoring Coordinator](#)

[Extension Assistant Professor/4-H Science, Engineering & Technology Agent - Utah County](#)

[Extension Educator - 4-H Mentoring - Utah County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Assistant - San Juan County](#)

Southwest Region

[Staff Assistant - Washington County](#)

[4-H Afterschool Site Coordinator - Monroe](#)

[4-H Coordinator I](#)

[4-H Extension Intern - Beaver County](#)

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