Farmers FEEDING UTAH 2021

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.

There has been a 300% increased need for food assistance. Access to healthy, high-quality foods is critical to helping families gain food security.

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. While impacts from COVID on the economy have improved, we continue to have families in need. Utah farmers & ranchers remain committed to helping reduce hunger in Utah through its foundation.

Funds are raised → Agricultural commodities are purchased and (if needed) processed → Food is distributed to those in need with the help of community-based organizations → UTAH helping UTAH

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Food Distribution Sites

"Thank you so much! I know me and my husband worried we wouldn't have food the next few days. This helped us so so so much!!!!"

Food Recipient

"After we received the food, I had to pull over because I couldn't see through the tears of gratitude. Thank you for caring! Thank you for organizing something that fills the spirit with hope."

Food recipient

"We appreciate you reaching out to our community with fresh farm foods. Most of the donations we receive are shelf-stable foods. Our clients always enjoy when we receive fresh whole foods or foods that have more of a nutritional value. Thank you for thinking of us!"

Christy Smith,
Kane County Care and Share

753,834 lbs. of nutrient-dense food distributed

Over $1,628,281 retail value donated

Over 13,564 Utah families served

28 local pantries assisted

Numerous Utah farmers and ranchers helped throughout Utah

Upcoming Events

Hill Air Force Base – Feb. 14, 2022
Camp Williams – Feb. 22, 2022

Keep watching our website and social media for upcoming project locations and dates.

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.

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