Juab Community Garden

The weather this year has really created some challenges.

We were very fortunate to fill all twenty boxes. We were able to fertilize each box and that helped the plants grow better.

We were able to grow cucumber, tomatoes, onions, broccoli, carrots, watermelon, cantaloupe, and green peppers. We tried to grow pumpkins and every plant died.

This year's gardeners were very good at keeping the weeds controlled. One of our issues was the watering system. It kept leaking but we were able to get most of it fixed. The sun has made the PVC very brittle, so we had to be careful moving it. We are planning on improving the watering system next spring when the boxes are empty.

There were issues with a virus that killed several plants including the pumpkins and squash. We either needed to spray, that could kill other plants or just wait until it freezes this Fall.

We had a class where we taught the 4-H youth how and what to plant. They were all really excited to plant their boxes with both seeds and plants that were already started. This was new project for kids and as their plants grew, they were proud of their accomplishments. We are hoping to get more youth involved in gardening in the future.

We had one box that was filled with beautiful flowers. It was an experiment to see if the flowers would help control the insects.

Having youth involved in the garden has shown them where vegetables come from.

New compost will be available for each box next year. We found out it is very important to get quality compost. If you are interested in the community garden next spring watch for information on social media @USU Extension-Juab.