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Temple Grandin Inspires Students at Statewide Event in Nephi

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Nephi, Utah—Hundreds of students from across Utah gathered in Nephi for an extraordinary educational event hosted by Juab 4-H and Mt. Nebo FFA. The highlight of the day was a keynote speech by renowned animal behaviorist and autism advocate, Dr. Temple Grandin.

Held at Bar-W, Nephi's beef processing facility, the event combined practical education with Grandin's inspirational message. Students from FFA chapters and 4-H programs statewide were invited to attend, making it a truly collaborative and inclusive learning opportunity.

Grandin, a pioneer in humane livestock handling, captivated the audience with her insights on animal behavior, the importance of designing efficient and ethical livestock systems, and how different ways of thinking can bring innovative solutions to challenges in agriculture. Her stories resonated deeply with the students,

who were inspired by her accomplishments and dedication to both agriculture and neurodiversity.

In addition to her speech, attendees had the unique opportunity to tour Bar-W's beef processing facility. Guided tours provided an inside look at the operations, showcasing the importance of safety and humane handling at every step of the process. Many students remarked on how the tour complemented Grandin's talk, giving them a firsthand understanding of the principles she discussed.

This event is a perfect example of how Juab 4-H and Mt. Nebo FFA are working together to educate and inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders, we're proud to host such a meaningful experience for students across the state.

As the day came to a close, the students left with newfound knowledge, motivation, and a deeper appreciation for the livestock industry. Events like these serve as a reminder of the impact that education and collaboration can have on shaping the future of agriculture.