On Thursday, **February 8**, in cooperation with the Farm Bureau, we will be sponsoring a pesticide workshop for anyone interested. The meeting will be held at the Juab County Cultural Hall from 6:30—8:30 pm.

Farm Bureau Safety specialist A. J. Ferguson, will be the presenter.
The meeting will cover the following three areas: label is the law, pesticide record keeping systems, and pesticide safety. **All producers that currently have a Utah Pesticide License will receive 2 CEU credits for attending.** We would encourage all of you to attend and learn more about pesticide management.

**Utah Beef Cattle Field Day**

The Annual Utah Beef Cattle Field Day, “GOT TECH?” will be held Tuesday, **February 13, 2018** at the BYU Harman Conference Center, University Parkway and 900 East, Provo from 8:30 am—3:30 pm. Registration fee is $25/person, $30/couple, $10/student.

Topics to be covered include:
- What Will the Beef Industry Look Like in 30 Years?
- Practical Uses for Drones in Today’s Agriculture
- Animal Identification
- Ultrasound Technology
- Cell Phone Apps

**Utah Weed Conference**

On **February 20-21**, the Utah Weed Association will be holding their annual conference at the Utah State Fair Park in Salt Lake City.

It will cover a wide range of topics including noxious weed control, crop weed control, invasive weed management efforts, and what’s new in the industry.

**All producers that currently have a Utah Pesticide License will receive CEU credits for attending.** The conference will start at 9:00 am on the 20th and go to 3:30 pm on the 21st. Early registration fee is $110. To register for the conference go to **[www.utahweed.org](http://www.utahweed.org)**.
**Urban & Small Farms Conference**

Utah State University Extension will co-sponsor the Urban and Small Farms Conference February 21 to 23 at the Viridian Center in West Jordan.

Small farms are an important part of Utah’s economy. This conference provides the chance for farmers to ask questions, gather information and learn how to grow and develop their farms.

A pre-conference event focusing on micro-scale farming will take place on Wednesday. Thursday’s sessions include information about growing vegetables for both advanced and beginning farmers, growing grapes, local foods, advanced growing in high tunnels and presentations by the USDA. Friday will include sessions about berries, developing an animal farm plan, composting, veterinarian relationships, chickens and a special “Ask the Expert” round table discussion to end the conference.

To register and for more information, visit diverseag.org.

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**Water Users Workshop**

St. George will be the host site for the 2018 Utah Water User’s Workshop on March 19-21. The conference will cover 50 topics, some of which include:

- Irrigation Company Bylaws & State Law
- Soil Health & Water Use
- Trends in Groundwater Quality
- A Legislator’s Perspective on Water in Utah
- Determining the Value of Water on Farms & Ranches
- Water Efficiency in Agriculture
- Water Right Issues of the State Engineer
- Technology—Relationships with Utilities & Consumers
- Climate Variation Projections
- Utah’s Water Quality Priorities

For more information go to http://conference.usu.edu/uuw.

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**Retirement**

On February 28, I will end my career as an Associate Extension Professor employed by Utah State University. For the past 38 years (28 years in Juab County) I have continually tried to accomplish the basic mission for Extension to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities that I have worked with. Working with many excellent groups and individuals in the county, we have been able to make great strides in different areas including weed control, range improvement, county fair junior livestock show, home horticulture, and various 4-H programs. We also developed a community garden at the fairgrounds. I have developed many good friendships that will continue throughout the rest of my life. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your USU “County Agent”. —Jeff Banks