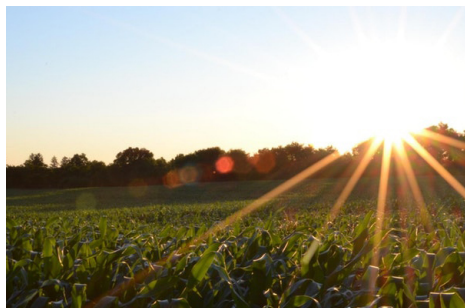


USU Extension Sponsors Urban and Small Farms Conference

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University Extension sponsors the Urban and Small Farms Conference February 21 to 23 at the Viridian Center in West Jordan.

According to Ruby Ward, USU Extension agriculture entrepreneurship specialist, the workshop is designed for both beginning and experienced farmers. The conference will provide farmers with the latest information and research while giving them the chance to get individual questions answered by experts.

“Small farms are an important part of Utah’s economy,” Ward said. “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.

Registration fee is \$30 per day or \$50 for the whole event. After February 14, the per-day price increases to \$35. Registration for the pre-conference event is \$10 or free with the registration of one or both days. To register and for more information, visit diverseag.org.

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