

AgVIP Program

- This program focuses on nutrient management, specifically animal waste, but could include commercial fertilizer as well.
- Program Received \$1 million in legislative session
- Program is looking to include other practices besides just nutrient management.
- Currently determining when applications will be accepted.

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Soil Health Program

Soil health is so important when it comes to farming, no matter what scale. Improved soil health will:

- Improve crop yields
- Improve water holding capacity of soil
- Reduce soil loss
- Improve water quality

In-Field Soil Health Assessment

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Ag. Water Optimization

- 392 total applications received in spring 2024 application period
- \$59,111,423 In total requests.
- 50 applications from canal/irrigation companies.
- Should announce grant recipients end of March.
- It is unknown when the next round of funding will occur. Likely spring of 2025.



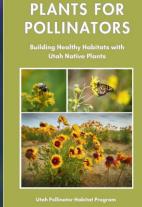
Utah Native Pollinator Habitat Program

Pollinator Plant Distribution

- The 2024 application period runs March 1 through April 15, 2024.
- All applicants must submit through our online application form.
 Other forms of applying will not be accepted.
- Minimum space requirement of 900 square feet needed for consideration
- Each separate project requires a separate application
- Applicants must agree to a 3-year follow-up period

To apply go to the UDAF website: https://ag.utah.gov/pollinator-habitat-program/









Agricultural Resource Development Loan (ARDL) Program

The ARDL program provides low interest loans to farmers and ranchers for projects which meet the conservation and pollution control goals of the program.

Some examples of eligible projects are:

- Irrigation systems
- Rangeland Improvements
- Reseeding a Watershed
- Wind Erosion Control
- Animal manure management
- Riparian improvement
- Selected crop and food storage
- Hydroponic and aquaponic projects

Current Interest rates:

2.75% for loans > \$104,000 3.00% for loans \$52,001-103,999 3.25% for loans <\$52,000

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Land Conservation Program

- LeRay McAllister Easement program received \$1 million on-going for Conservation Easements.
- Will be accepting applications this summer for interested landowners.
- Jeremy is currently working with landowners, and doing webinars on succession planning. We will inform resource coordinators on dates and times soon.

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