

Introduction

The Utah Agricultural Statistics Service (the Utah office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service [NASS]) and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food are proud to provide the 33rd edition of this publication. Funding cuts within the state of Utah have required us to economize on this year's publication. There will not be as many copies of this publication available as in the past. However copies of the publication are also available on both of our Internet sites and also on a CD. Information in this publication is provided to help inform farmers, ranchers, and the public about activities within the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, and provide a detailed look at Utah's agricultural production. Also included are budgets for helping farmers and ranchers evaluate the potential profitability of various agricultural commodities.

Estimates presented in the publication are current for 2002 production, and January 1, 2003 inventories. Data users that need 2003 production information or additional historic data should contact the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service, at 524-5003 or 1-800-747-8522.

State and U. S. statistics are available on the NASS Web page at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. You can find commodity estimates by selecting "Publications", "Reports by Commodity", select the desired commodity, and then select the report wanted. Try the "Quick STATS" selection on the home page to access historic data. You will find it quite an interesting way to gather data. The data found can be downloaded as a zipped ".CSV" file and imported into a spreadsheet for your processing needs.

Cooperation from farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses responding to various survey questionnaires is essential to quality estimates. We thank them for their help and willingness to provide individual operation data. We pledge to keep their individual operation data confidential.

Our NASDA enumerators provide an important roll in gathering data. I enjoy talking to farmers and ranchers and reviewing their experiences with those enumerators.

Prior year estimates are subject to revision and may have been revised in this publication. Data users should use this publication for previous years data and not go back to earlier publications for earlier years data.

The following agricultural Web page sources may interest you.

Organization	Web Page Address
U. S. Department of Agriculture (Includes links to all USDA Agencies)	http://www.usda.gov/
U. S Department of Agriculture (Farm Bill 2002 information)	http://www.usda.gov/farmbill/index.html
USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service (Plus Census of Agriculture)	http://www.usda.gov/nass/
USDA - Utah Agricultural Statistics Service	http://www.nass.usda.gov/ut/
USDA - Utah Farm Service Agency, FSA	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ut/
USDA - Market News	http://www.ams.usda.gov/
USDA - Utah Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS	http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov
USDA - Economic Research Service	http://www.ers.usda.gov
Fedstats (Statistics from Federal Agencies)	http://www.fedstats.gov/
The Federal Register	http://www.nara.gov/fedreg/index.html
Agriculture Sources	http://www.agsource.com/
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food	http://www.ag.utah.gov/
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food - Market Reports	http://ag.utah.gov./markets.html
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)	http://www.nasda-hq.org
Salt Lake City National Weather Service	http://nimbo.wrh.noaa.gov/saltlake/
Western Regional Climate Center	http://wrcc.sage.dri.edu/
Utah Climate Center	http://climate.usu.edu/
USU Extension Service	http://extension.usu.edu/
Utah Agriculture in the Classroom	http://extension.usu.edu/aitc/
National Farmers Union	http://www.nfu.org/
Utah Farm Bureau	http://www.fb.com/utfb/
National Cattlemen's Beef Association	http://www.beef.org/
American Sheep Industry Association, Inc	http://www.sheepusa.org
National Dairy Council	http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org
National Dairy Database	http://www.inform.umd.edu/edres/topic/agrenv/ndd

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