

Cache County CONNECTION

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FROM YOUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

We are all familiar with President Abraham Lincoln and the role he played leading up to and during the Civil War, his efforts to free slaves, and maybe even that he was the first Republican president. But did you also know that, in 1862, he signed the Morrill Act, creating the land grant university system? The purpose of land grant universities was, and still is, to make it possible for every American to access knowledge, training and education that would help them succeed in business and professional pursuits. That is why Utah State University was founded and that is the mission it fulfills today. The university is available for students to come and learn ways to improve their lives and the lives of their community.

In 1914, that mission was expanded through the Smith Lever Act, which created the Extension Service. The purpose of Extension is to take the valuable information being researched, discovered and taught at land grant universities, out into communities throughout the state to share that info with everyday citizens who might not be students, but who could still benefit from increased education.

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MEET OUR UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAM

Have you always wanted to learn how to safely can peaches, but you're too scared to mess it up? Or is this the year you're finally going to successfully grow watermelons, but you're not sure when to start your seeds? Look no further, USU Extension is here to answer your questions with research-backed information.



WHAT IS USU EXTENSION?

Utah State University Extension has been serving the community of Utah since 1914. USU Extension provides research-based information and programs in a variety of fields, such as gardening, youth programs, relationships, finance, health, nutrition, and agriculture. In Cache County, there's always something going on, but the summer time is when USU Extension really shines.



USU Extension Staff in Cache County

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The original purpose of extension was to help farmers and ranchers to be more productive and successful. Extensions throughout the country and here in Cache County continue with an expanded mission today, bringing researched-based education to youth and adults, citizens, businesses, farmers and anyone desiring to learn.

Cache County has benefited from and enjoyed its partnership with USU Extension and I'm glad we have an opportunity to partner with our Extension staff and to support their efforts in the many programs and services they provide today. Those include the original efforts to help with agriculture, including 4H programs for our youth, a maker space, horticulture, home and community education, and a variety of nutrition and health-related programs addressing topics to help with mental health, suicide prevention and addiction.

I'm thankful for the impact USU Extension makes in our community and I'm glad our residents have the opportunity to learn and grow and benefit from the knowledge shared through various extension programs. If you haven't participated in an extension program before, I encourage you to check out their website to find something that interests you.

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Extension is building a new community garden at Morgan Farms in Nibley City. They have already planted 30 fruit trees, built 25 raised gardening beds, and a high tunnel. The garden is expected to be completed this summer and will be up and running for the 2025 gardening season.



HOME AND COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

The Extension Home and Community Department has an upcoming Master Food Preserver Training from June 25-27 in Salt Lake. This is a wonderful opportunity to become a Master Food Preserver, learn food safety, canning basics, pressure canning, salsa & jam making, pickling and more. Contact the Cache County Extension office for more information. 435-752-6263



4-H YOUTH PROGRAM

The 4-H youth program is gearing up for the upcoming Cache County Fair to be held August 7-10. 4-H youth spend all year working on projects in livestock, arts and crafts, gardening, sewing, and more to put on display at the county fair. If you know any youth ages 5-18 that would like to get involved or if you are interested in chartering your own 4-H club, stop by the Extension office located at 179 N Main Street in Logan.

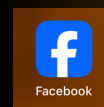


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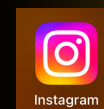
\$3,421,495 Grant Funds Received

- 1646** 4-H Members
- 566** Animals sold at the Junior Livestock Auction
- 273** Canning Lids Tested
- 63** Agriculture Consultations
- 50** Master Gardener Volunteers
- 42** Naloxone Trainings
- 2** Social Media Pages
- 1** Newsletter
- 1** Website

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"To Make life better for our residents."*