

EVENTS

Apple Crunch Day

Over **130,000 Utahns** celebrated Apple Crunch Day by biting into local apples on October 23rd, as part of the state's third annual celebration of National Farm to School Month.

- The event included 3,496 preschoolers, 127,019 K-12 students, and 5,023 adults, for a total of **135,538 registered participants**.
- Approximately 80 kindergartners participated in the Capitol Crunch in the State Capitol Rotunda.

Fower's Fruit Ranch in Genola held an event for home school students.

Utah was the only state to have a crunch event in a National Park— **Capitol Reef National Park** staff and visitors celebrated in the historic Fruita orchards.

Over **\$14,000** was spent on Utah-grown apples for the one-day event.

Harvest Gratitude Day

In the week before Thanksgiving, 6th grade students at **Lincoln Elementary** in South Salt Lake learned from farmers Tyson Roberts, Thayne and Carrie Tagge, and Ag Commissioner Kerry Gibson about Utah's fall crops.

Governor Herbert read an official Harvest Gratitude Declaration to the group.

Students also participated in a kale-planting activity, and the school cafeteria served a harvest lunch with honey-thyme sweet potatoes, pulled chicken sandwiches, and fresh baked rolls.

Farm to Summer

Our annual Farm to Summer celebration was unfortunately canceled this year due to COVID-19. However, we have some great new resources prepared for next summer.

POLICY

For the second year in a row, we worked with USBE and UDAF to request **\$250,000** in legislative appropriations to create a local food reimbursement grant. We did not receive the funding, so we will be trying again in 2021.

To learn more, watch our advocacy video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q76vVafq5Mw>

We also continued to work with UDAF and local businesses to support the development of Utah's first **food hub**.

GARDENS

Utah currently has over **96** school gardens. We are developing new resources and training materials to help schools ensure these gardens are sustainable and accessible to all students.

OUTREACH

Newsletter

232 listserv members received our Farm to Fork Newsletter each month.

Social Media

284 people follow us on Instagram @utfarm2fork

Website

We continued to add new resources for farmers, school food service staff, and school gardens to our website, **www.utfarmtofork.org**.

Look for a new version of the site to launch in August 2020.

LEARN MORE

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