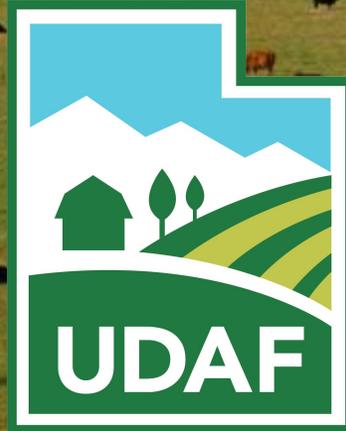


Programs and Services

2020 Utah Legislature General Session





UTAH DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Our Mission

*-Promote the healthy growth of Utah agriculture,
conserve our natural resources, and protect our
food supply.*





UDAF Divisions

Office of the Commissioner

Protects and promotes agriculture by raising public awareness and demand of Utah agriculture and food products

Administrative Services

Provides support for implementation of state policies and provides financial support across all divisions

Animal Industry Division

Provides services that promote health and productivity of livestock, increase market value of livestock, protect human health, and respond to emergency situations.

Conservation Division

Preserves and protects Utah's soil, water, air, plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems.

Analytical Laboratory

Serves other UDAF divisions to provide chemical, physical, and microbiological analyses to protect consumers, farmers, and industry.

Plant Industry Division

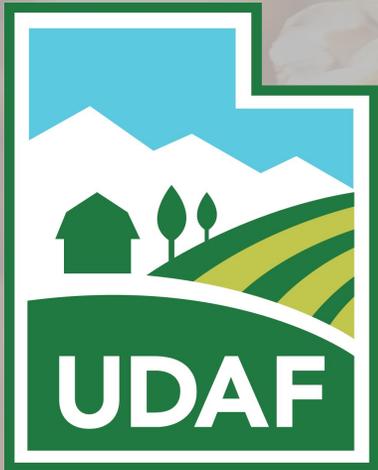
Ensures consumers of disease-free and pest-free plants, grains, and seeds as well as properly labeled agricultural commodities and safe application of farm chemicals.

Regulatory Services Division

Provides oversight for food, weights and measures, dairy, and bedding, upholstered furniture and quilted clothing.



It is our goal to bring hope back to the producers.



*We are a service-oriented agency
with regulatory responsibilities.*

Department Successes

- SUCCESS Measurement Information System (SMIS) (QT/OE)
 - GOMB has noted that UDAF demonstrated +93% agency-wide performance from January 2013 through last fiscal year,
 - UDAF ranked 5th most improved agency



Department Successes

Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Program
has provided licenses for:

232

Hemp Growers

66

Hemp Processors

8

Cannabis Cultivators

1,634

Industrial Hemp and
CBD Products

7

Cannabis Processors



UDAF chemistry lab stands
ready to test products

Conservation Division



Conservation Division

Preserves and protects Utah's soil, water, air, plants, and animals through conservation planning and assistance to ensure productive lands and healthy ecosystems.

- ARDL (Agriculture Resource Development Loan)
- Low Cost and Rural Rehab Loans
- Conservation Districts - citizens working locally to improve natural resources



Resource Conservation Division Highlight

- Approved 15 projects worth one million dollars with matching partner dollars (federal, state, and private agencies)
- \$500,000 at 75% match to help producers perform conservation practices





New Funding Request:

Resource Conservation Division

- Water Optimization Fund
 - Request for non-lapsing authority of \$3 Million.
- ARDL Restricted Funding request
 - FY2020: one-time \$475K
 - FY2021: one-time \$475K
 - Covers eight field employees
 - One conservation district project remaining from FY19
 - Supplement federal dollars being lost due to changes in contracting



New Funding Request: Resource Conservation

- Requesting authority to spend Dedicated Credits for Conservation License Plate funds
 - Includes approx. \$1000 yearly
- GIP Vehicle
 - Requesting intent language and approval to purchase \$40,000 vehicle for GIP program using existing Rangeland Improvement Funds





Animal Industry Division

Animal Industry Division

Responsible for prevention and control of animal disease through 6 main programs:

- Animal Health
- Meat and Poultry Inspection
- Livestock Inspection
- Fish Health
- Elk Farming and Elk Hunting Parks
- Predator Control
- Veterinary Diagnostic Labs



VETERINARIAN

Staff works to protect animal agriculture from the outbreak of foreign, emerging and regulatory disease. More than 260,000 animals were inspected, vaccinated or tested under the oversight of the State Veterinarian in FY 2019.



BRAND

Inspectors receive reports of missing or estrayed livestock from producers Statewide. In FY 2019 brand inspectors facilitated the return of livestock to their rightful owners, valuing more than \$2,600,000.



DOMESTIC ELK

Producers in the State rely on the support of the Domestic Elk Program to assist with identifying and tracking the more than 3,400 privately owned domestic elk in the State.



PREDATOR

Trappers of the Predator Control Program remove problem or nuisance predators to protect Utah livestock and wildlife from depredation. More than 6,200 predators of various species were removed in FY 2019.



ANIMAL INDUSTRY DIVISION

Protecting Utah Producers, Consumers and Livestock



These programs function to protect Utah producers, consumers, livestock and wildlife species by operating as a service-based division with regulatory responsibilities, both playing a critical role in day-to-day functions.

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Animal Industry Division Predator Control Program

Joint venture between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and USDA's Wildlife Services Program.

Works to protect the livestock producers in the state from predation by wildlife species using lethal removal and preventative measures.



New Funding Request: Animal Industry Division

Vehicle Purchases:

- Requesting intent language and \$90,000 to fund two predator hunter vehicles
- Trucks require flatbed (\$5000), horse rack (\$12,000-\$17,000), 3-4 truck boxes (\$1,000 each), radio and siren system (\$1,200), spare fuel tank, extra spare tire, handyman jack
- Ordered with extended cab and chassis with front bumper and winch package, also require heavy duty off road tires



Plant Industry Division



Plant Industry Division

Ensures consumers have disease-free and pest-free plants, grains, and seeds as well as properly labeled agricultural commodities, and provides for safe application of farm chemicals.

Plant Industry Division Highlight

- Pesticide Program reduced violation rate from 40% to 19%
- Animal Feed Program found products with high levels of Vitamin D
- Organic Program has increased from 44 licenses to 85 in the last 4 years



New Funding Request:

Plant Industry Division

Plant Pest Fund

- A fund for Suppression and Eradication of Plant Pests
 - The request to establish the fund is:
 - \$500,000 Supplemental and
 - \$500,000 One-time (Dedicated Credits)
 - Funding will enable UDAF to be agile with treatment options.
 - Funding should eliminate need for general fund requests for plant pest suppression and eradication.



New Funding Request: Plant Industry Division

- Asking for intent language and approval to purchase 2 vehicles using dedicated credits
 - \$68,000 one-time total
 - \$18,000 ongoing total





New Funding Request: Plant Industry Division

ISM Funding Increase:

- FY 2021 Increase of \$1M in Restricted Funds
 - 75 applications, equaling \$3.8 million requested
 - 40 applications awarded \$2.2 million in funding
 - 35 unfunded applications requesting \$1.6 million
 - 10 applications ranked high enough to secure funding \$906K requested, but denied due to insufficient funds



Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis

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Industrial Hemp Program:
UDAF's Industrial Hemp Program provides regulatory oversight for identification, cultivation, processing, testing and distribution of hemp-based products.

Medical Cannabis Program:
Works with Utah Department of Health to provide regulatory oversight and support for cultivators, processors, patients, medical providers, and pharmacies.

Medical Cannabis Program Highlight

Medical Cannabis Highlights:

- Licensed 8 cultivators - 7 have plants in the ground
- 7 medical cannabis processors have signed a licensing agreement and are ready to receive plants for processing into medicinal forms.
- Currently reviewing applications for independent labs. In the meantime, UDAF's Chemistry Lab stands ready to test product.
- UDAF's Medical Marijuana Cannabis program has worked hard to successfully meet the timeline and deliver affordable product to the patients of Utah.





Industrial Hemp Program Highlights

Industrial Hemp Numbers:

- Licensed Growers: 252, Processors: 66
- Hemp Field Samples CY19: 733
 - "Hot" (over .3% THC) Field samples CY19: 76 (9.5%)
- Industrial hemp and CBD Products Registered: 1,634
- Randomized Sample and Quality Assurance

New Funding Request: Industrial Hemp

- Budget and Dedicated Credits
 - Legalization of Industrial hemp product production, processing, and sale came in 2018. Special Session bill repealed appropriation of first bill
 - This request re-introduces removed appropriation for FY 2020 and allows program to grow in 2021
 - This funding allows UDAF to inspect, gather, identify, test and ensure compliance of industrial hemp products according to state and federal law



New Funding Request: Cannabis & Hemp Inspection Vehicles

- Requesting intent language and approval for:
 - FY 2021: 2 vehicles, \$64,000 total
 - Funded through restricted revenue out of enterprise funds
 - Vehicle to support
 - Industrial Hemp inspections
 - Medical Cannabis inspections
 - Complaint investigations.
 - Compliance enforcement
 - This request is specifically for vehicles that will bring the program up to full strength to meet statutory requirements.



Regulatory Services Division



Regulatory Services Division

Provides food safety oversight and consumer protection of agricultural products and services.

- Weights and measures
- Dairy and egg farm inspections
- Food establishment inspections
- Food labeling and safety compliance
- Bed, quilted clothing, and upholstered furniture compliance

Regulatory Services

Division Highlight

- Conducted 7 Produce Safety Alliance Grower Trainings statewide training and certifying 160 individuals.
- Bedding, Upholstered Furniture and Quilted Clothing Program improved outreach in rural Utah, including Vernal, Richfield, Blanding, etc.
- Issued over 1,600 certificates of free sale to Utah producers, enabling them to export products worldwide.
- Implemented a Rapid Response Team to respond to emergency food and feed safety situations.



Domesticated Game Slaughter Overview

Regulatory Services Division

- Passage of HB0412 (2019)
- Producers can harvest domesticated game in the field
- Producers can wholesale bison, elk, and other game (Title 4, Chapter 32a)
- Does not apply to domesticated game owned and consumed by an end consumer
- Division of Regulatory Services will provide services - currently lacks qualified staff





Domesticated Game Slaughter

New Funding Request:

- FY 2020: one-time \$64K for vehicle and operating costs
- FY 2021: ongoing \$250K for salaries and benefits
- Fees: \$500 for annual license, \$100/hour, and current state mileage rate





New Funding Request:

Weights and Measures Program Regulatory Services Division

- Approved during 2019 Session, but lacked time to gain approval and make purchase.
- FY 2020 One-time \$275K
 - Truck: \$128,750
 - Flatbed: \$28,750
 - Crane: \$110,750
 - Misc. Hardware: \$6,750
 - Utilize existing weights cart \$0



A vibrant outdoor food market scene. In the foreground, a woman in a yellow shirt is seen from the side, holding a drink. In the middle ground, a man in a dark blue shirt and a woman in a light blue shirt are engaged in conversation. In the background, a man and a woman are smiling behind a food stand counter. The stand has a chalkboard sign that says "Come on in!". The scene is set outdoors with a wooden structure and a blue and white striped flag hanging from the stand.

Marketing and Economic Development Division

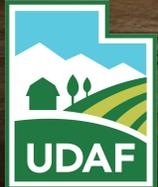
Marketing and Economic Development Division

Provides support for consumers and food producers to ensure a thriving local economy through job creation, increased local tax revenue, and superior product development.

- Utah's Own
- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
- Media relations and communications
- WUSATA (Western U.S. Agricultural Trade Association)
- International Marketing and Global Trade

Marketing and Economic Development Highlight:

- International Trade
 - Facilitated trade missions with local food producers to South Korea, Japan and Africa
 - Hosted 20 Food Buyers from Canada to meet Utah food producers
- Media relations/ Communications
 - More than 240 news stories in 2019 featured UDAF- more than half were about cannabis programs.
- Utah's Own
 - Added 74 new member companies in 2019
 - Conducted 6 professional development workshops for members
 - Worked with Associated Foods to contract with 3 Utah's Own companies



New Funding Request:

Utah Food Hub Start-Up Grant Fund Marketing Division

- FY2021: one-time funding request: \$275K
 - Grant criteria established by UDAF with selection committee choosing one or more projects totalling \$250k (\$25K in admin costs)
 - A food hub is a private cooperative that aggregates agriculture and food products for distribution to businesses.
 - Funding covers only a small percentage of capital needed to launch food hub
 - Provides outlet for purchase of cosmetically imperfect produce which would otherwise go to waste.



Budget Concerns

Out-of-State Travel



Upgrades to Computer Systems



Non-Lapsing Funds



Out-of-State Travel

- In FY 2019 49% paid for with federal dollars
- Travel is often required by law, allows UDAF to fully utilize federal grants
- Travel allows UDAF to properly incentivize staff and reduce turnover
- Food and Dairy Program (Regulatory Services)
 - Value-Based Compensation Program
 - Environmental Health Scientists (EHS) promotions for completing certifications and training, requiring out of state travel
 - Staff take ownership of their position
 - Turnover reduced from more than 50% to 6%
 - On track to realize an \$864,000 savings
 - EHS takes 2 years and costs over \$96,000

BOTTOM LINE:

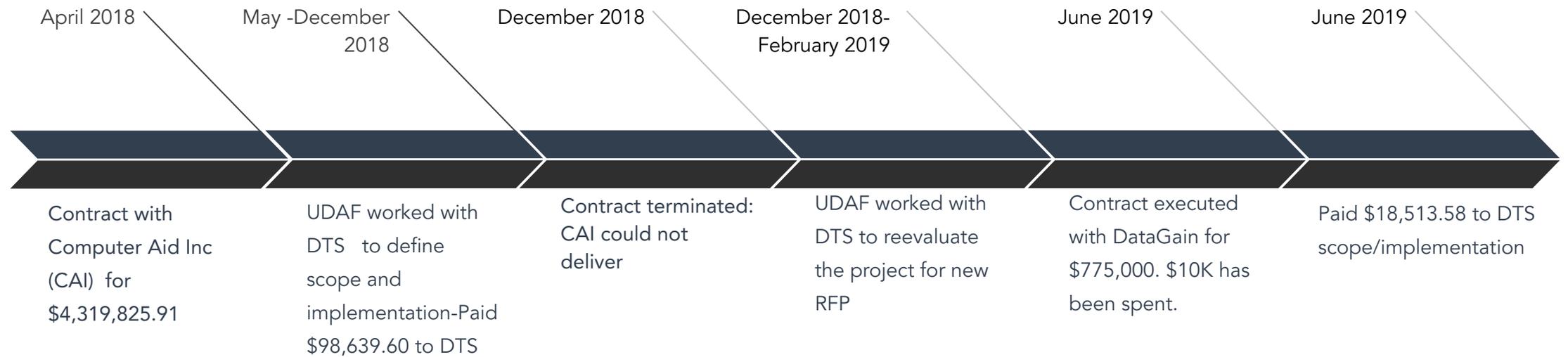
It is much cheaper to train existing staff and keep them than train new staff.



UDAF Administration Computer System Upgrades

Goal: Replace Access databases developed more than 20 years ago that are failing and do not allow UDAF to run reports on data

UDAF given dedicated credit authority to develop a new "Regulatory Management Computer System"



New Target Deployment Date: October 2020



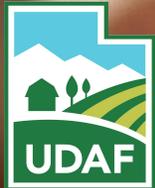
UDAF Administration Computer System Upgrades Funding

FY 2019

- Funded in Administration Line Item, which does not generate much dedicated credit revenue
- Moved dedicated credits generated in Plant Industry and Regulatory Services to the Administration line items
- Transferred dedicated credit revenue was only used to cover the expenses for the computer project

Of the \$2.4 million of appropriated spending authority in FY 2019 and 2020, the Department only spent \$478,158

\$1 million requested for this project FY 2021



Non-Lapsing Funds FY 2019

Total Approximately \$4.5million



Administrative

Equipment and supplies, new computer system, employee incentives, computer equipment, special projects, UDAF move



Animal Products

A new brand recording and inspection system, employee training and incentives, special projects



Plant Industry

Equipment and supplies, Chemistry Laboratory, employee incentives, computer equipment, special projects, UDAF summer move



Marketing

Equipment and supplies, employee incentives, special projects



Regulatory

New large-scale truck for Weights & Measures Program, employee incentives, training, equipment and supplies, computer equipment, Food Safety Management System software, special projects



ISM

Invasive Species Mitigation Projects



Rangeland Improvement

Grazing improvement projects





Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

