

Appendix A - Agencies

Producer Note: State and federal agencies are available to answer questions regarding environmental matters and a producer's compliance with environmental laws and regulations. The following is a list of organizations which should be able to answer questions or provide materials for a producer.

Utah Department of Agriculture

350 N. Redwood Rd.
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
(801) 538-7100

Utah Department of Natural Resources

1636 W. North Temple, Suite 316
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
(801) 538-7315

Utah Department of Environment Quality

288 N. 1460 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
(801) 538-6164

Utah State Soil Conservation Commission

350 N. Redwood Rd.
Box 146500
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500
(801) 538-7171

Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. EPA - Region 8

999 18th Street
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 293-1603

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

125 S. State St., Room 4402
Salt Lake City, UT 84138
(801) 524-5051

United States Department of Agriculture

14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-2791
<http://www.usda.gov/>

Environmental Protection Agency

401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
(202) 260-2080
<http://www.epa.gov/>

Natural Resources Conservation Service

United States Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 720-4525
<http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240
(202) 208-4717
<http://www.fcs.gov/>

Headquarters United States Army Corps of Engineers

Casimir Pulaski Building
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000
(202) 761-0660

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

1156 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 1020
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 296-9680
<http://www.nasda-hq.org/>

also be a concern for the farmer. UDC § 17A-3-800 (1991 & Supp. 1996).

1. *Planning and Zoning*

Producer Note: Agricultural operations frequently are controlled by local planning or zoning board activities. Since it is not possible to outline each local area's requirements, a producer must check with local boards to determine local planning and zoning regulations which may affect an operation.

Utah does not specifically protect agricultural land from development, but one of the purposes of Utah's zoning law is to foster the state's agriculture.⁴⁸ Zoning is accomplished by a county-wide commission who adopt a plan for zoning all land within the county. The plan may include a land use element that designates the land into several uses such as industrial, business, residential, agricultural, or recreational. Some flexibility in the zoning plan is possible. Individuals are given the opportunity to appeal adverse zoning decisions and variances from the zoning ordinance if the ordinance causes an unreasonable hardship or if special circumstances apply.

2. *Agricultural Districting*

Utah also allows the formation of Agricultural Protection Areas.⁴⁹ These are defined as geographic areas where agricultural activities are given special protections. The county in which the area is located may not change the zoning designation of the land within the area unless all landowners give written approval for the change. In addition, as long as the agricultural activities within the area are conducted according to sound agricultural practices and do not violate federal or state laws, the activities are protected from nuisance suits.

3. *Conservation Easements*

Producer Note: Many states have passed laws allowing preservation or conservation of agricultural land through the use of easements. When easements are used for these purposes, the law frequently has certain requirements relating to the creation, compensation, and enforcement of the easement.

⁵² UTAH CODE ANN. § 78-38-7 *et seq.* (1995).

⁵⁷ UTAH CODE ANN. § 17A-3-800 *et seq.* (1991 & Supp. 1996).

⁵⁸ UTAH CODE ANN. § 17-37-102 *et seq.* (1995).

⁵⁹ UTAH CODE ANN. § 47-18-10 *et seq.* (1995).

⁴⁹ UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ET AL., UTAH ANAEROBIC ANIMAL WASTE LAGOONS (1993) UTAH CODE ANN. § 193-1-140 *et seq.* (1995).