



Education Overview

The education sector of agritourism in Utah includes demonstration farms, workshops, day camps or field trips, farm tours, community gardens and more. Through educational activities participants can see firsthand where food comes from and the work involved in agriculture. This can connect individuals from urban areas with agriculture and foster a deeper appreciation for food and a better understanding of farming practices and rural life or even spark an interest in related careers or a desire to support local farming. Before starting an educational agriculture venture, consider that educational activities require significant time for planning, preparation, supervision, and cleanup. It may also necessitate dedicated staff or volunteers.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Municipalities

- ✓ Your local city or county may require business license
- ✓ Your local health department can inform on permitting and regulations for food service establishments like a cafe
- ✓ Your local planning and zoning department will have information on information on applicable building codes and parking requirements in your municipality

Federal

- ✓ The FDA regulates and provides information on manufacturing, processing, packing, or storing food, beverages, or dietary supplements
- ✓ Seek information from the IRS and your tax professional to report taxes on goods sold
- ✓ The USDA regulates most meat harvesting, processing, and labeling of meat and poultry products

State

- ✓ The Utah Department of Commerce will accept your business registration and inform on applicable easements
- ✓ Department of Health and Human Services oversees childcare licensing and most conditional use approvals for hosting groups as well as any necessary background checks for staff and volunteers working with youth
- ✓ The Department of Environmental Quality Wastewater Division regulates septic / wastewater requirements
- ✓ The Utah Labor Commission provides information on health and safety plans for employers

Other

- ✓ Review your insurance coverage to ensure it adequately covers public liability, property damage, and potential accidents
- ✓ Agricultural Extension offices can often offer assistance or guidance on navigating regulatory requirements

Additional Resources

- [Agritourism Resource Hive](#)

Health and Safety Considerations

Before conducting any demonstrations or classes, ensure equipment is in safe working order and operated by trained individuals and implement safety zones for observers. It is important to also consider waste disposal and recycling procedures for any waste generated by your programs and visitors. Additionally, be sure to clearly mark any potential hazards (uneven terrain, livestock areas, machinery) and provide appropriate warnings.

- ✓ Contact Terry Camp from Utah Farm Bureau at terry.camp@fbfs.com for warning signs
- ✓ Consult organizations like OSHA for valuable guidance on agricultural safety standards



The Youth Garden Project | Moab, UT

The Youth Garden Project (YGP), located in Moab, Utah, serves as an exemplary model of community-centered agritourism with a strong focus on education and sustainability. Operating on a 1.5-acre site in downtown Moab, YGP has developed a multi-functional space that combines agricultural production with experiential learning and public engagement. The organization's is to

cultivate healthy children, families, and communities by providing educational programs and connecting people to food from seed to table. Over the years, YGP has successfully demonstrated how a small-scale agricultural

site can be transformed into a vital educational resource and community asset. YGP's garden functions as a living classroom, where people of all ages engage in hands-on learning about food systems, environmental stewardship, and nutrition. The site is open and free to the public year-round, offering informal educational experiences through features like the U-Pick Nibble Garden, animal enclosures (including chickens, bunnies, and fish), and interpretive signage throughout the garden.

In addition to passive learning opportunities, YGP offers structured programs such as youth field trips, garden tours, cooking and gardening workshops, and seasonal camps. Special events such as seed-to-table dinners, U-Pick orchard days, and the annual Harvest Festival not only serve educational purposes but also help generate revenue to support the organization's mission.

