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Just as urban landscapes need management and care…

…so do rural landscapes.

Utah Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP)

Mission: "*Improving the productivity and sustainability of our rangelands and watersheds.*"

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Protect and Promote Utah Agriculture

Utah's livestock industry is the largest single sector of Utah's agricultural economy.

Utah cattle and sheep ranchers depend on the state's 38 million acres of private and public lands as a grazing resource. Utah's livestock industry contributes more than $600 million to Utah's economy while managing vegetation and benefiting resource health.

To support this vital Utah industry, the legislature in 2006 established the Utah Grazing Improvement Program (UGIP) through HB 145 sponsored by Rep. Brad Johnson and Sen. Tom Hatch.

Utah Grazing Improvement Program

"We believe that well planned and managed livestock grazing is the most important landscape scale[1] tool for maintaining healthy rangelands, watersheds, and wildlife habitats."

[1]45 million acres of Utah rangelands are grazed by livestock:

Federal Grazing Land	33 million acres
Private Grazing Land	8 million acres
State Grazing Land	4 million acres

- Created grassroots advisory boards which can advise decision makers (federal, state and local) and others on policy and issues facing the livestock industry.
- Provides cost-share grants to ranchers for rangeland improvements.
- Works with federal & state agencies to improve the state's economy and ecology.

Utah Grazing Improvement Grant Program

Cost-share grants are available to ranchers for rangeland improvements. Projects can include any restoration work that will improve rangeland health, productivity, and management.

Examples: Elimination of invasive species, reseeding, livestock water development and improvements, fencing, grazing management planning, and any other project that improves production, watershed and rangeland health, while improving the profitability of Utah's livestock producers.

The Enabling Act that created UGIP has legislative intent that the producer will pay a significant portion of any project. If a project is approved that has no other cost share, UGIP can pay up to 50% of the cost on private land and 75% on public land.

Do you have an improvement project in mind?

Project size can be from small to large and on private or public land.

Contact your regional coordinator for an application and information on project requirements. Applications are due by November 30th of each year. (It is strongly suggested that you work with your regional coordinator in developing your project plans and applying for grant funds.) A list of regions and coordinators is included in this brochure.