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## **USDA Awards over \$415,000 for Utah Agriculture to Develop Risk Management Education and Outreach Initiatives**

Davis, Calif., Nov. 30, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA), Davis Regional Office, today announced \$415,957 in cooperative agreement awards to help provide new ways for producers to manage agricultural risks. Targeted outreach and educational opportunities will help women, limited-resource, and other traditionally underserved farmers and ranchers. Two agreements were awarded in Utah.

Utah State University's agreement, "**Risk Management Strategies for Underserved Audiences Including Specialty Crop Producers in Utah and Surrounding Areas,**" received \$100,000 to reach producers in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona. This project will focus on reaching primarily women and limited-resources farmers, with workshops on tax issues for tribal audiences.

Utah State University's agreement, "**Risk Management Education for Small, Beginning and Transitioning Utah Producers,**" received \$315,957 to create and enhance the sustainability of Utah's agricultural producers. This project will target small/beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through education, mentoring, and outreach.

Federal Crop Insurance and Risk Management Education and Outreach programs together provide a safety net to ensure that farmers and ranchers will survive the perils of nature and the marketplace and continue in business, ensuring the nation's food supply. RMA administers these projects as well as the federal crop insurance program. For more information, please see the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements/>

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