Utah agriculture generates more than 14 percent of our State’s economy and contributes 78,000 jobs to our rural and urban communities. Utah’s divergent landscape—from its Olympics-hosting, snow-capped peaks to its fertile valleys and red rock wonders—is home to more than 16,000 farms and ranches.

Our $17 billion industry depends on a pest-free environment, which is why our Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) devotes considerable time and energy working to keep hungry pests out of the State. Utah is one of the few States to successfully wipe out a serious infestation of Japanese beetles, thanks to a joint effort by our citizens and local governments.

The UDAF employs nearly a dozen seasonal workers to distribute and monitor thousands of insect-collecting traps around the State. These first-alert monitors can signal the presence of an invasive pest and would trigger a variety of State and Federal pest eradication strategies.

Many of the things that make Utah exceptional are threatened by invasive species. This is a battle we can only win if every Utahan and all visitors to our State understand the risks and act to protect Utah’s natural resources from pests and diseases that don’t belong here.

“What a Beautiful State You Live In, I Could Just Eat It Up!”

**Detected**
- Brown marmorated stink bug**
- Chinese longhorned beetle**
- Spotted winged Drosophila**

**At risk for**
- Asian gypsy moth
- Asian longhorned beetle
- Emerald ash borer
- European corn borer*
- European grapevine moth
- European gypsy moth
- Japanese beetle
- Light brown apple moth
- Pine shoot beetle
- Red imported fire ant
- Sirex woodwasp**

*State-regulated only; not federally regulated
** Not under State- or federally regulated

Learn more at
In 2011, the Utah Gypsy Moth Program placed 2,050 detection traps... no moths were detected.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Buy Local, Burn Local. Invasive pests and larvae can hide and ride long distances in firewood. Don’t give them a free ride to start a new infestation—buy firewood where you’ll burn it.

Plant Carefully. Buy your plants from a reputable source and avoid using invasive plant species at all costs.

Do Not Bring or Mail fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants into your State or another State unless agricultural inspectors have cleared them beforehand.

Cooperate with any agricultural quarantine restrictions and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property for pest or disease surveys.

Keep It Clean. Wash animals, tires, and gear between fishing, hunting, or camping trips. Clean lawn furniture when moving it from one home to another.

Learn To Identify. If you see signs of an invasive pest or disease, write down or take a picture of what you see, and then report it to your local State Plant Health Director (www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/sphd), State agriculture department (www.nationalplantboard.org/member), or local cooperative extension (www.utahpests.usu.edu).

Speak Up. Declare all agricultural items to customs officials when returning from international travel. Call USDA to find out what’s allowed:

• (301) 851-2046 for questions about plants
• (301) 851-3300 for questions about animals

QUARANTINE ALERT

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“DON’T RAT ME OUT... PLEASE!”

How to report Hungry Pests
For Utah-specific questions, call UDAF’s Entomology Program at (801) 538-7185.

Learn more at