

## Specialty Crops

The council developed a “*Specialty Crops*” demonstration farm with a local fruit and vegetable grower with the help of two grants through Utah Department of Ag & Food (UDAF). This demonstrates how early varieties of tree fruit and vegetables in a “high tunnel” greenhouse work in the salty soils in Emery County. A number of different projects were conducted to benefit small growers in the region. Variety testing of apples, pears, peaches and grapes were undertaken to test their commercial viability. In addition, tests were conducted on 2 new peach rootstocks, specially designed to grow in heavy clay, alkaline soils.



Comparative research on traditional fertilization versus Biotical Nutrition and Compost Application were tested.

Finally, we constructed a PVC based High Tunnel Greenhouse to test its ability to extend growing seasons and increase market for the local farmers markets.