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High Tunnel Initiative Pilot Project in Utah

The Great Salt Lake RC&D (GSL RC&D) was selected to reach out to traditional and nontraditional farmers in the GSL RC&D area and educate them about this significant initiative that builds the capacity of local farms by providing important financial resources and technical assistance to increase the sustainability of farming in a largely urban area. The GSL RC&D partnered closely with Utah NRCS, Utah State University Extension Services, Slow Food Utah, Wasatch Community Gardens, Salt Lake County Urban Farming and other partners to inform the agriculture community about this new practice and how it could fit into their operations. The GSL RC&D updated their website to include up-to-date press releases, the standard and specifications for the targeted practice, short informative videos about high tunnel technology and how it could work for producers, presentations to educate farmers about this opportunity, and links to manufacturers, <http://www.greatsaltlakercd.org/high-tunnel-project.html>. Local newspapers also published articles about this funding opportunity. An open house was hosted by the GSL RC&D in Salt Lake City, Utah in February 2010, which was attended by over a dozen land owners with many of those starting the application process that night. Ultimately this effort led to funding 11 NRCS Agriculture Management Assistance (AMA) applications with a value of about \$82,000; three in Davis County, four in Salt Lake County, one in Weber County, one in San Juan County, one in Morgan County, and one for the Confederate Tribes of the Goshute Reservation. This process was completed within a short period of time due to sign-up deadlines.



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