

# Bingham Fort Farm



**Description:** This project seeks to preserve 30 acres of agricultural land of a historic nature. The Bingham Fort Farm has been in continuous agriculture use since 1851. The farm raises alfalfa and wheat, but the would like to improve the quality of crops and seek to make the farm self-supporting with specialty crops and historic projects.

**Location:** The site is located on West 2nd Street in Ogden City.

**Acreage:** 30 acres

**Grant funding:** \$265,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,165,000

**Grant Awarded:** October 2004

**Partners:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, Marriott Heritage Foundation, Friends of Bingham Fort, Landowner donation

**Local Support:** Ogden City, Mayor Matthew Godfrey, Rep. Marty Stephens, Rep. Joe Murray, Sen. D. Edgar Allen, Ogden Nature Center, Roger Roper, Historic Preservation Coordinator

**Conservation Easement Held by:** Utah Dept. of Agriculture and Food



## Public Benefits

**Agriculture:** The Bingham Stone Farm has been in continuous operation for more than 150 years. This is due in part to the fact that the land is deemed “prime agricultural land” by the US Department of Agriculture. The farm has the ability to contribute to the local agriculture economy, particularly in the specialty crop market. The income received from the crops has been sufficient to cover the farm operating costs. The public benefits by having access to these locally grown specialty crops.

**Historical:** The project is listed on the National Register of Historical Places because of the role it played in the settlement of Weber County. The farm contains part of Bingham’s Fort, an early pioneer fort which was one of the largest in the region. The conservation of the Bingham Fort Farm will preserve a part of history for the community to enjoy and benefit from.

**Open Space:** The Bingham Fort Farm can remain as permanent open space as residential development enroaches on the surrounding area.