



Woodlee/Gittins Dairy



Description: The Woodlee Dairy was started in 1976 with a single Holstein. Today the dairy has over 300 head of dairy cattle. With encroaching development the dairy operation is increasingly threatened. The conservation easement will protect the Woodlee dairy and ensure its productivity for generations to come.

Location: Between 600 South and 1000 South and 600 West and 800 West near Smithfield

Acreage: 89 acres

Grant funding: \$275,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,300,000

Grant Awarded: September 2004

Partners: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

Local Support: Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Rep. Craig Buttars, Cache County, Smithfield City, Utah State University Extension

Conservation Easement Held by: Utah Department of Agriculture and Food



Public Benefits

Agriculture: The fertile, dark soil coupled with Cache Valley’s warm summer days and cool nights make the property ideal for raising premium alfalfa hay. The conservation easement on the Woodlee Dairy preserves this productive farmland, preserves the agricultural heritage of the community and allows the dairy to be passed on to future generations.

Open Space: There are several areas of development currently encroaching on the dairy to the South, North and Northwest. A conservation easement will ensure the farm remains in open space. The dairy is also in the “approach zone” of the Logan-Cache Airport making it even more important that it remain in perpetual open space.