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Israelsen LD and RD Israelsen. 2004. The determinants of migration between counties in the mountain states. Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Cedar City, UT.


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Other Sponsored Research Projects and Programs


Vickner SS. 2005-2010. Modeling the economics of food quality information in the global agribusiness complex. Utah State University Agricultural Experiment Station Project UTA-037.


Godfrey EB. 1999-2010. NG Firms in Utah. UFB Power ($1K).


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Caplan AJ, J Endter-Wada, P Petruzelka and T Selfa. Contributing to drought management through understanding factors influencing human conservation behavior. Water Initiative Grant Program, Utah State University. (funded)

Criddle KR. Estimates of differential willingness-to-pay for credence attributes in cultured Chilean Atlantic salmon. SalmonChile. (pending)

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**Snyder DL. (P) et al. 1997-2005. Federal/state pasture initiative, USDA CREES, Utah State Legislature ($450K).**


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