



## Davis County Agriculture Profile

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**Area:** 630 square miles (includes 365 square miles under the Great Salt Lake, 223 square miles in the main land area of the county, and 42 square miles on Antelope Island)



**Population:** 342,281 (U.S. Census Bureau Estimate, 2016)

**County Seat:** Farmington

### Location

Davis County is the smallest county geographically in Utah. It is located in the northern part of the state and borders the Great Salt Lake.

### Land Ownership

The landownership within the county is divided as follows:

- Water covered: 52%
- Private: 25%
- State: 12%
- Federal: 11%

The majority of the federally-owned ground, about 85%, is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The remaining federal ground is controlled by Bureau of Land Management and the military. The state-owned ground is primarily part

of Utah state parks and recreational areas. Portions of the state-owned land are wildlife preserves with a small portion under the jurisdiction of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Land Administration (SITLA). The private ground is primarily farm ground and grazing areas.

The 2012 Census of Agriculture indicated there were 493 farms with 55,017 acres in farms or ranches in the county with an average size of 112 acres and an average yearly net cash farm income of \$11,846 per farm. The county had 13,809 acres in irrigated cropland. The total value of livestock and crops produced was listed at \$36,760,000.

### Agricultural Snapshot

In the 2012 Census, the county ranked first in the state in the production of vegetables, sweet corn, and bison. It was second in production of greenhouse and nursery production. It was fourth in fruit production.

The major crops grown in Davis County according to the 2012 Census were:

Crop	Acres
Alfalfa, other forage	7,250
Vegetables	1,454
Wheat	1,175
Grain corn	974
Winter wheat	892

The major livestock raised in Davis County according to the 2012 Census were:

Livestock	Number
Cattle and calves	3,206
Horses and ponies	1,747

The majority, about 65% of the irrigation water available in Davis County, is from the Weber River and the Echo and Rockport reservoirs. The other 35% is drawn from local mountain streams.

### Growing Season

The growing season in Davis County is one of the longest in Utah. It averages about five and a half months.

Following are some of the details on climatology in three areas of Davis County. (Utah Climate, 2008)

Davis	Climate Characteristics			
County Locations	Annual Precip. (inches)	Last Spring Freeze	First Fall Freeze	Freeze-free period
Antelope Island	15.48	May 5	Oct. 5	153 days
Bountiful - Val Verda	23.07	April 17	Oct. 24	189 days
Farmington	22.28	May 25	Oct. 10	158 days

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