

Written Profile

Farm: Bennett Farms

Location: West Point, UT

Date of Origination: 1896

Industry Sector(s): Onions, Potatoes, Corn, Alfalfa, Wheat



"We are very proud to carry on a family tradition to be able to be part of a vital industry in our society," shares Allen Bennett of Bennett Farms. The Bennetts provide fresh produce which is highly valued by people in their community. We are honored to share their story, and recognize Bennett Farms for their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

Bennett Farms was started in 1896 when Allen Bennett's great grandfather became one of the first settlers of West Point, Utah. Allen represents the fourth generation of farmers on the land. His son who currently works with him represents the fifth generation.

The Bennetts work hard to produce a steady supply of onions, potatoes, corn, alfalfa and wheat. New technology has helped the farm operate with increasing efficiency. Improved seed varieties have led to higher yield. Improved fertilization methods and better irrigation practices have streamlined production while supporting the environment. Technology is not all that has changed. Allen shares that increased interest in farmer's markets has also been a positive advancement.

Like many farmers across the nation, the Bennetts face the trials of working the land with confidence and determination. The cost of production continues to rise in contrast to decreasing food prices. The high cost of water in Northern Utah and continual pressure of encroachment from housing subdivisions also pose a daily challenge. Representing farmers like the Bennetts all across the nation, Farm Bureau continues to fight for farmers' rights locally and federally. Allen Bennett adds that Farm Bureau, "Continually makes the public aware of agriculture".

"There has been a lot of hard work, care for the land and preservation put into this land," concludes Allen. As the Bennetts continue to make choices which lead to farm sustainability, they continue to better their land and the community they serve. Bennett Farms continues to be a refreshing green space in a rapidly growing area, and we are thankful for their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.



Bennett Farms' tractor and barn.