



JUNE 24-27, 2024



HYATT REGENCY SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

## Traveling Workshops

### 8:15 AM – 1 PM, Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Included with your NAITC full conference registration. Sorry, no guests. Lunch is included as part of the tours. Tours depart at 8:15 AM sharp. *Traveling workshops are subject to change or cancellation. Maximum capacity 55.*

#### □ **TW1: Beef and Bison**

Cattle and calf production is Utah's number one agricultural commodity. The Pace Family, who run the Half Circle Cross Ranch, are dedicated to the land, water, and wildlife habitat that is their beautiful ranch. Learn about the importance of beef production in the state and see the solar-powered watering systems that improve livestock distribution, forage utilization and water quality. Their land is managed to reduce erosion, protect riparian areas, and provide habitat for nesting and migrating shore birds. Buffalo Run Ranch is a unique opportunity to see bison raised for meat production. They utilize many holistic management aspects for land management and herd health. Using this approach helps them to graze their animals in a low-stress environment on approximately 850 acres of unique pasture ground that ranges from the river bottoms to the high mountain meadows. *Travel time to Half Circle Cross Ranch is approximately 65 minutes.*

#### □ **TW2: Tart Cherries and Fruit Production**

Utah consistently ranks approximately 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in tart cherry production! Established in 1984, [Rowley's South Ridge Farms](#) is a family-owned and operated fruit farm in Santaquin that takes great pride in growing excellent fruit and in making delicious fruit products. Their operation also includes Rowley's Red Barn that sells the farm's fresh fruit and products, a cider mill to make fresh-pressed apple juice, and a chocolate-panning facility to cover dried fruits and nuts. For 80 years, [McMullin Orchards](#) has been growing, packing, and shipping fruit in central Utah. The fourth generation of the McMullin family is now working in the business, and the operation has grown to 900+ acres of tart cherries, sweet cherries, peaches, nectarines, pluots, peaches, and apples. *Travel time to Rowley's is approximately 65 minutes.*



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□ **TW3: Kohler Dairy & Heber Valley Artisan Cheese, Rustling Aspen Farm**

For nearly 100 years, the Kohler family has been milking cows in the quaint community of Midway. A new [creamery](#) and state-of-the-art robotic milker provide premium milk for handcrafted and aged artisan cheese. Chris Pyper operates [Rustling Aspen Farm](#)—a diverse small-scale farm specializing in vegetables, herbs, and fresh-cut flowers. Chris will share his story about finding his way back to his roots in Midway and taking on the role as a food producer for the local community. *Travel time to Midway is approximately 50 minutes through scenic Parley's Canyon.*

□ **TW4: Thanksgiving Point Institute and Lehi Roller Mills**

[Thanksgiving Point Institute](#) (TPI) is a nonprofit farm, garden, and museum complex that draws upon the natural world to cultivate transformative family learning. TPI Farm Country is a working farm with a teaching garden used for the Jr. Master Gardener program. TPI Ashton Gardens features 55 acres of stately gardens (15 themes), grand lawns, and the largest human made waterfall in the western hemisphere. During its 100-year history, [Lehi Roller Mills](#) has worked with farmers to develop a wheat variety that retains high baking quality while increasing farmers' yields. The resulting High Mountain Flour is used in mixes for pancakes, waffles, muffins, brownies, and cookies. The 1984 movie *Footloose* was shot on location at this mill! *Travel time to TPI is approximately 35 minutes.*

□ **TW5: USU Botanical Center and Brine Shrimp Co-op**

The [USU Botanical Center](#) is a botanical garden and a Utah State University distance education site located in Kaysville. The center which includes the sustainably-designed Utah House, Wetland Discovery Point, arboretum, and edible demonstration garden guides the conservation and wise use of plant, water, and energy resources through research-based educational experiences, demonstrations, and technology. [Great Salt Lake Artemia \(GSLA\)](#) is a collection of member companies working together to harvest and produce the world's finest artemia (brine shrimp) from the world's most significant artemia source – the Great Salt Lake. The Great Salt Lake provides the world's largest single source of artemia and approximately 45% of the total volume produced worldwide. The artemia and hatchery feed products have led the industry for decades in quality, dependability, and nutrition. *Travel time to USU Botanical Garden is approximately 30 minutes.*



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□ **TW6: Welfare Square and LDS Humanitarian Center**

[Welfare Square](#)—operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—is a 36-acre modern complex composed of a towering 178-foot-tall grain elevator, a large storehouse, a bakery, a cannery, a milk-processing operation, a thrift store, and an employment center. All of this is designed to help people help themselves by fostering self-reliance and providing meaningful opportunities for work and service. The [Utah Bishops' Central Storehouse](#), a 570,000 sq ft warehouse built to withstand a 7.0 seismic event can help serve the needs of millions who strive to feed their families or need emergency supplies after being impacted by national calamities. An impressive fleet of semi-trucks and trailers are ready to support individuals and families at a moment's notice across the country and across the world.

[Latter-day Saint Humanitarian Center](#) prepares humanitarian supplies for use worldwide and train those desiring to develop employable skills to become self-reliant. *Travel time to the Humanitarian Center is approximately 10 minutes.*

□ **TW7: Wool Production and Wasatch Wool Laboratories**

Utah is the fourth largest producer of wool in the nation, shearing about 2.1 million pounds— 10% of the nation's total wool production. Titmus Farm is a working sheep ranch in Tooele County west of Salt Lake City. Learn about the importance of sheep in Utah's agricultural history from the Titmus family and Utah Wool Growers Auxiliary. [Wasatch Wool Laboratories](#) is currently the only commercial wool testing laboratory in the country, helping ranchers with reliable testing critical to the success and marketability of wool production. *Travel time to Titmus Farms is approximately 35 minutes.*

□ **TW8: Roots High School and International Rescue Committee-New Roots**

[Roots High School](#)—Utah's first farm-based charter high school—instills students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to live healthy, productive, and sustainable lives. The school strives to authenticate all the learning that takes place using the farm as a laboratory. [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)-New Roots](#) provides opportunities for refugees and immigrants to produce fresh food for their families and increase their economic stability. With YALL-Youth, Agriculture, Livestock and Leadership, IRC is focused on supporting and educating refugee and new American youth on topics related to food justice, agriculture, leadership, and more. The Micro-Training Farm Program provides refugee families an urban space to grow and market a variety of crops. *Travel time to Roots High School is approximately 15 minutes.*



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□ **TW9: Chocolate**

Utah's connection to chocolate is quite solid and has a high number—compared to the population, of high-end chocolatiers. The bean-to-bar movement in Utah is at the forefront of an artisanal chocolate revolution. Rather than melting down and retempering bars of premade chocolate, bean-to-bar artisans work with raw cacao that's typically sourced from a single origin. These chocolate makers have a hand in every step of the process, and they have much more control over the taste of their final product. At [Millcreek Cacao Roasters](#) they have a simple belief that working directly with farmers can result in better chocolate, delivering chocolate that has a real sense of purpose—using the philosophy of ,“Farm to Bar”. [The Chocolate Conspiracy](#) uses a different approach by producing fine chocolate without roasting and sweeten the chocolate with local, raw unfiltered honey. *Travel time to Millcreek Cacao Roasters is approximately 15 minutes.*

□ **TW10: Downtown Gardens – Walking Tour**

Awe-inspiring flowers and foliage of the LDS Conference Center rooftop gardens and the [Temple Square Gardens](#) are part of the 35 acres of the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The rooftop gardens include aspen and spruce, shrubs, a two-acre wildflower meadow, fountains, and waterfalls—all designed to mimic Utah's varying landscapes. Temple Square Plaza includes 250 flowerbeds, more than 165,000 bedding plants, and over 700 varieties of plants from all over the world. The gardens are redesigned every six months and replanted by hundreds of volunteers. *Travel time to Temple Square is approximately 10 minutes. This tour requires moderate walking on level terrain.*