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Coalition for Agriculture's Future 55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100 Meridian, ID 83642 How does turning productive Idaho farm ground into this help feed the world?



It doesn't!!

That's why the Coalition is working hard to inform the public about the problem of poorly managed growth and development, and is striving to bring about the kind of changes needed to protect and preserve our Agricultural Lands. We testify at public hearings against harmful development projects that threaten Idaho's farm economy: we work closely with Idaho Legislators to improve Idaho's Land Use Statutes: we develop extensive public awareness projects: and we participate in Land Use decision making at the Local Government level. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

We need your support to continue to protect and preserve Idaho's agricultural Lands. Visit our website to see how you can help save Idaho's agricultural heritage.

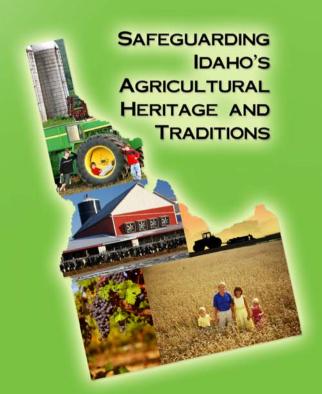


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TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE FOR IDAHO THE AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS THAT HAVE FORGED THE VALUES AND CHARACTER OF ITS PEOPLE AND WHICH HAVE CRAFTED THE FOUNDATIONS OF RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

Every society that has ever walked the Earth has become dependent upon Agriculture for its survival. Today's population is larger than ever and requires more food to sustain it. By 2050, the world's population will reach 9 billion. That means we will have to produce twice the amount of food we have already produced over the last 10.000 years to feed everyone. If we continue to replace our productive agricultural lands with buildings and concrete, we lose the ability to produce food, period.



Only 1/32 of the Earth's entire landmass is suitable to produce food. Our mere existence depends upon about 6-8 inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains or that we can somehow get water to that topsoil to raise crops and livestock.

Idaho agriculture is fragile compared to other parts of the world due to our unique dry climate and the ability to divert irrigation water to our fields to produce specialty crops such as seed. Replacing these lands with development not only diminishes the production of these important crops on a local, state and national scale, but largely on a global scale. Think about it this way, if you remove one acre of highly productive farmland that is suitable to raise only seed crops, how much food have we lost to feed the world with?

The Coalition for Agriculture's Future objectives are:

- To safeguard Idaho's agricultural heritage and traditions by forming cooperative partnerships with public and private organizations.
- To educate the public about the threats to its agricultural heritage, traditions and economy posed by irresponsible urban development of historic agricultural lands.
- To work closely with elected officials to help them better identify and incorporate critical land management principles and practices essential to the preservation of Idaho's agricultural heritage and traditions and its economical contribution.



Our Major Accomplishments are:

- An in-depth rewrite of Canyon County Planning and Zoning ordinances which eliminated harmful spot development' residential subdivisions in the middle of agricultural lands:
- Passage and enactment of State Legislation that greatly strengthened agricultural protections in Idaho's Land Use Planning Act including the addition of recognizing Agriculture as an important Component in County Comprehensive Plans, ensuring consistencies exist between Planning and Zoning policies and County Comprehensive Plans, and closing a loophole that allowed developers a way to get around local Comprehensive Plans through spot-zoning.
- Rewriting Canyon County's Comprehensive Plan to guide development in the County for the next 10 years, while greatly strengthening the preservation of Agricultural Lands.
- Helped fund a University of Idaho economic study that documents the economic value of Agriculture in Canyon County for use in crucial future Land Use Planning processes and decisions.