



FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION AND YOUR SALAD

Consider the average garden salad you enjoy at lunch or dinner. Have you ever wondered where all of those fresh vegetables come from? In the past, many of the vegetables were grown commercially in Utah. However, due to a limited growing season and relatively small growing areas, it has become hard for Utah to compete with the massive output and corporate processing facilities available in other regions. For this reason, most of the produce found at your local grocery store is delivered by truck from areas such as California's Central Valley, southwestern Arizona and Mexico.

FREIGHT HUB OF WESTERN AMERICA

Refrigerated trucks carrying chilled produce and frozen foods are a common sight on Utah's highways. Utah is the hub of refrigerated (reefer) truck operations across western America, as agricultural products are transported from growing areas in the West to population centers in the midwestern and eastern United States and Canada.

WHERE DOES YOUR SALAD COME FROM?

Ingredient	Spring & Summer	Fall & Winter
Broccoli	Salinas/Santa Maria	Imperial Valley/Mexico
Cabbage	Salinas/Santa Maria	Imperial Valley
Carrots	Bakersfield/Salinas	Coachella/Mexico
Cauliflower	Oxnard/Salinas/Santa Maria	Yuma
Celery	Oxnard/Salinas	Yuma/Mexico
Cucumbers	Washington State/Mexico	Baja, Mexico
Green Onions	Oxnard/Salinas	Mexico
Lettuce	Salinas/Santa Maria	Yuma
Radishes	Oxnard/Salinas	Mexico
Tomatoes	Oceanside/Oxnard	Baja, Mexico

Source: A&Z Produce, Salt Lake City Utah.

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AGRICULTURAL AREAS

Each of the large growing areas shown on this map has evolved as a result of the development of large water projects in the early to mid-20th century. Federal, state and local irrigation dams, reservoirs and canals are what make America's salad bounty possible.

WHAT IS UDOT'S ROLE?

Utah's highways already have the highest percentage of truck traffic in the nation, and the number of trucks on the highways is steadily increasing. Along with maintaining our roadways to high standards, UDOT is exploring ways to help freight traffic move more efficiently. An example of this is UDOT's effort to identify needed passing lanes on Utah's highways. UDOT's roads help feed Utah and America.



REFRIGERATED TRUCK ROUTES SERVING UTAH



Reefer trucks have a refrigeration unit on the front of the trailer.

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