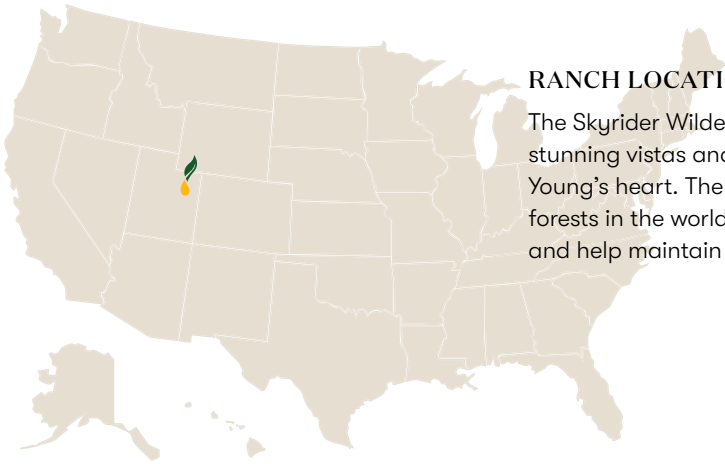


Tabiona, Utah, USA

SKYRIDER WILDERNESS RANCH

Established 2017

Botanical sourced from this ranch: Einkorn



RANCH LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The Sky Rider Wilderness Ranch—nestled in the hills of Tabiona, Utah, and home to stunning vistas and wildlife—held a special place in Young Living Founder D. Gary Young's heart. The ranch occupies 28 square miles in one of the largest pinyon pine forests in the world. It's also home to 8–12 beehive colonies that pollinate the plants and help maintain a healthy ecosystem.

BOTANICAL BACKGROUND

At this ranch Young Living grows einkorn—an ancient grain and one of the first plants cultivated by early farmers. The first signs of domesticated einkorn date back to nearly 10,000 years ago.

Evidence from DNA fingerprinting suggests einkorn was domesticated near southeast Turkey. Its cultivation decreased in the Bronze Age, and today it is a relict crop that is rarely planted, though it has found a new market as a health food. It remains as a local crop, often for bulgur (cracked wheat) or as animal feed, in mountainous areas of France, Morocco, the former Yugoslavia, Turkey, and other countries.

**The Sky Rider
Wilderness Ranch
is known for its
einkorn, an
ancient grain.**

TESTING AND HARVESTING

Located near Young Living's Sky Rider Wilderness Ranch, the Sky Rider River Ranch is beautiful land dedicated to furthering essential oil research. These test plots include botanicals like hemp, melissa, hyssop, clary sage and dragonhead.

The einkorn hull is difficult to remove and protects the kernels against negative environmental factors and destructive pests. Because einkorn has the simplest genetic code of all varieties of wheat, with just one genome and 14 chromosomes, it is easy for the body to utilise.



HOW THE RANCH GOT ITS START

Young Living Founder D. Gary Young and Co-Founder Mary Young purchased the ranch in 2017. At the time, the property was—and still operates as—a working elk and bison ranch. The region has always held a special place in their hearts and serves as Gary's final resting place.

"I like to tell people, if you didn't get a chance to know Gary in person, come to the Sky rider Wilderness Ranch," says Ranch Manager Skyler Olson. "Everything about the place is Gary."



DID YOU KNOW?



The ranch is over 18,000 acres (28 square miles) and is a working elk and bison ranch.



Historically, the Sky rider Wilderness Ranch operated as a cattle ranch.



The elevation where the main lodge sits is at 6,800 feet (2,072 metres) above sea level.



It's common for several feet of snow to fall overnight during seasonal storms.

LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY



Championing nature conservation. The ranch is also the site of the D. Gary Young Wildlife Sanctuary, a conservation easement held by The Nature Conservancy that spans about 10,880 acres (17 square miles). The donation of this land was the largest in the Utah chapter's history.

Protecting the local wildlife. The sanctuary is part of an area called the "Utah Serengeti" due to the large herds of elk and deer that migrate through there. The ranch maintains sections of ground specifically to help the animals through the harsh winters.

Implementing renewable energy. The ranch uses wind energy to help aerate trout ponds found on the property.

Donating to wildlife and veterans. Each year, the Sky rider Wilderness Ranch works with local conservation groups to donate an elk hunt. One hundred percent of the proceeds go toward funding local wildlife conservation efforts. The ranch also donates two hunts a year with the proceeds donated to injured or otherwise in-need servicemen and women.