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Ag Summary

The weather in Utah was cold and dry for the first 2 ½ weeks of December. The latter part of the month brought heavy snow storms which left behind 1 to 24 inches throughout the state. Most field activities will not begin until the spring.

Crop Summary

Farmers around the state are enthused that fuel prices have decreased but commodity prices have also slipped since harvest. They are still very concerned about high fertilizer prices and hope that they will come down before it is time to apply the fertilizer in the spring. Box Elder agents report hay movement is slowing with prices softening from record highs. Much of the dry land wheat within Box Elder County was planted late this fall. As a result, many farmers do not believe that there will be a serious snow mold problem.

Livestock Summary

Producers within Utah are done with field work for the winter except for some manure spreading. Box Elder agents report livestock owners are now feeding hay in most parts of the county except some of the desert areas around the north part of the Great Salt Lake. Uintah County agents report producers began feeding their cattle early because snow covered the ground. Livestock remained in good condition despite the colder temperatures near the end of the month. The much needed moisture has been well received within the county. Beaver County agents report their livestock continues to do well.