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Agricultural Summary

January has brought periods of very cold weather followed by temperatures that are in the average range for January. There were a few days with valley temperatures in the mid 40's. Most of the state received very good moisture in October, November and December but storms tapered off a bit in January. Currently snowpack is good and soil moisture has been recharged. If precipitation is normal for the remainder of the winter it will be a very good water year. Farmers have been participating in producer meetings to increase their knowledge of crops and markets.

Field Crops Summary

Some grain corn is still being harvested in **Box Elder County**. Producers are trying to finish harvesting the remaining fields but it is still at 20 to 22 percent moisture so it has to be put through a dryer. Prices have been very good for corn, wheat, and alfalfa hay. No field work is being done in **Cache County**. Livestock feeding operations and dairies are spreading manure on fields in **Morgan** and **Weber Counties**.

Livestock Summary

Several counties reported that beef producers have begun calving while others reported that calving will begin in February. Also, many sheep producers with farm flocks have begun lambing. **Box Elder County** reported heifers are calving first on most operations. **Cache County** reported dairy farmers are still struggling economically despite milk price increases. Very cold temperatures at the beginning of January caused a few problems for livestock in **Duchesne County**. Most producers have been feeding since the middle of December. Hay is becoming more expensive and many producers are having a hard time finding hay. In **Emery County** winter range conditions have been good for most producers and there has been adequate livestock water available eliminating the need to haul water this winter. **Uintah County** reported that livestock are having a difficult time finding feed under the heavy snow. Also, Elk and deer did considerable damage to hay stacks in January. **Beaver County** reported that with the warmer weather they have been having lately, the livestock are looking good.