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Agricultural Summary

Throughout the month of February, multiple snow storms occurred which affected the majority of the state. The heavy snowfall has helped keep moisture levels above average for this time of year. Snowpacks remain at good levels for the upcoming growing season.

Field Crops Summary

Very little if any field work occurred in the State of Utah during February. Many producers are worried about the effects of rapidly rising input costs; such as, diesel and fertilizer on the upcoming growing season. In **Box Elder County** some winter wheat producers are concerned about mold damage to their wheat due to an extended period of snow cover. **Morgan County** fields are snow covered. **Weber County** growers are hoping for a break in the weather so they can apply fertilizer prior to the expected price increases.

Livestock Summary

In **Box Elder County** cattle producers are in the midst of calving season. Most producers reported very good calving success until the end of February when cold, snowy, and windy conditions hit the county. Some cattle losses did occur. Ranchers and shepherds in **Cache, Wayne, and Duchesne Counties** are experiencing calving and lambing difficulties due to severe winter weather. In **Emery County** livestock deaths from severe weather have been very limited. In **Uintah County** snow and ice have made winter range mostly unusable, so producers are feeding livestock through the remainder of the winter. Deer and elk have fed heavily on haystacks. Livestock in **Beaver and Garfield Counties** are in good condition. Calving and lambing are well underway.