

# Executive Document

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### DECLARATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, precipitation totals for the past several months have been minimal and created severe drought conditions in many areas of the state rendering crop and forage production unproductive for agricultural purposes;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Drought Monitor classifies the drought conditions in the State of Utah as "Extreme and/or Exceptional";

WHEREAS, the below normal snow pack and spring runoff has created well below normal water levels in most areas of the state;

WHEREAS, many agricultural reservoirs throughout the state have not received adequate supplies of irrigation water resulting in low to non-existing levels in some areas;

**WHEREAS**, insect infestation, hot weather, hot dry winds, killing frost and fires in many areas of the state have exacerbated the drought conditions;

WHEREAS, many grazing lands that are normally available to livestock owners are not available, or do not offer adequate livestock feed,

WHEREAS, high forage and feed costs, as well as increased transportation costs, will weigh heavily on an industry already facing severe drought;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby declare a "Statewide Agricultural Disaster" due to the aforesaid drought conditions in the State of Utah:

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah, this 27th day of July, 2007.

(State Seal)

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

Gary R. Herbert  
Lieutenant Governor

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