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DECLARATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, severe weather events throughout the past several months have created conditions in many areas of the state to render crop and forage production unproductive for agricultural purposes;

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

WHEREAS, below normal cold temperatures, killing frost, high winds, fire and drought in many areas of the state have exacerbated the difficult weather conditions;

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

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 an "Agricultural Disaster" for the counties of Garfield, Millard, Sanpete, Kane, Piute, and Box Elder, due to the aforesaid severe weather 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 29th day of October, 2008.

(State Seal)

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

Gary R. Herbert
Lieutenant Governor

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