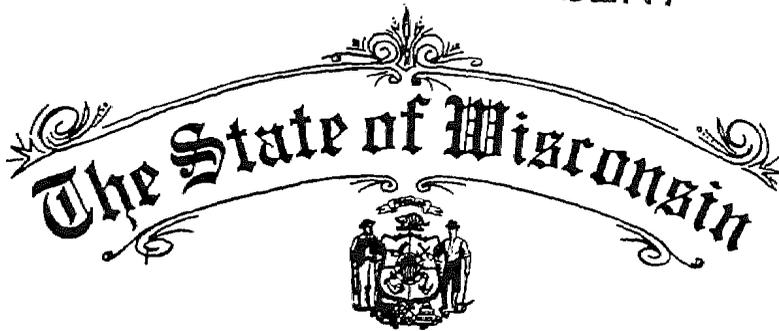


# STATE DOCUMENT



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #150

#### Proclamation of a State of Emergency Relating to the Transportation of Hay

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and state, county and federal agricultural agencies estimate that the spring drought, 1991/92 winterkill and late spring 1992 frosts have reduced production from Wisconsin's first cutting of hay by about 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, a 50 percent reduction in the first cutting of hay is equal to one quarter of the state's annual hay production; and

WHEREAS, the most adversely affected 45 Wisconsin counties as of June 18, 1992, reported a reduction in the harvest of their first cutting hay of 6.7 million tons, valued at \$440 million and pasture losses of \$5.1 million; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of rainfall for the rest of the 1992 growing season or significant portions thereof, will cause further reduction in the yields and harvested quantities of crops used for animal feed; and

WHEREAS, further 1992 crop reductions and losses will add to the shortage of feed needed by Wisconsin's livestock over the next 12 months; and

WHEREAS, dairy farming and other domestic livestock operations add about \$4.2 billion annually to the state's economy and are important to both the economy of the state and the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this creates a need to transport large amounts of livestock feed, particularly baled hay, on Wisconsin highways; and

WHEREAS, allowing the transportation of overwidth loads of hay bales within this state, in a safe manner and as described in this order, will benefit farmers injured by the drought;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Wisconsin and by s. 166.03(1)(b)1 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby declare the present drought-related hay shortage to be a natural disaster and have proclaimed the entire State of Wisconsin to be in a state of emergency, and with regard to transportation of hay, for a period of 30 days, unless such period is extended by Executive Order or joint resolution of the legislature.

PURSUANT to said state of emergency, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, and s. 166.03(1)(b)1, Wisconsin Statutes, I HEREBY ORDER THAT:

(1) Notwithstanding ss. 348.05 (1) and (2) (L) and 348.07 (1) and (2) (gr), Wis. Stats., persons are allowed to transport loads of bales of hay (including straw or stover) even when such loads exceed the statutory width limitations and may transport hay in round or rectangular bales on semitrailers up to 53 feet long, as herein provided:

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