

EXECUTIVE ORDER #18

**Proclamation of a State of Emergency
Relating to Areas Affected by Drought**

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate and timely rainfall has affected the State of Wisconsin in the Spring and Summer of 1987, causing drought-like conditions to exist in the northern part of the State which has impacted upon the well-being of the farming community of the affected counties, causing hardship and suffering for them; and

WHEREAS, if the situation continues to deteriorate, the farmers and citizens of the affected area will suffer economic losses in terms of farm production, and their ability to maintain themselves in their farming operations may be threatened; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Barron, Burnett, Florence, Forest, Oneida, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn have been especially affected by this drought-like condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, including Wisconsin Statute s. 166.03(1)(b) do hereby proclaim a

STATE OF EMERGENCY

to exist in the counties of

**Barron, Burnett, Florence, Forest, Oneida,
Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn**

because of severe drought conditions.

FURTHER, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, including Chapter 166 of the Statutes, I do hereby:

1. Direct the State Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), and the Division of Emergency Government (DEG), to work closely together to provide overall coordination of efforts to respond to the drought conditions in the above-listed counties and assign necessary support staff to accomplish the same.
2. Direct that all state agencies shall cooperate and assist DATCP and DEG in carrying out this function.
3. Direct that a state level committee be immediately formed, by the Secretary of DATCP (who will act as its Chairman), to provide advice to the Governor, DATCP and DEG for the full duration of this emergency. The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of DATCP, the Administrator of DEG, and representatives from the University of Wisconsin - Extension, Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives, the Farm Bureau, the National Farmer's Organization and the Farmer's Union.

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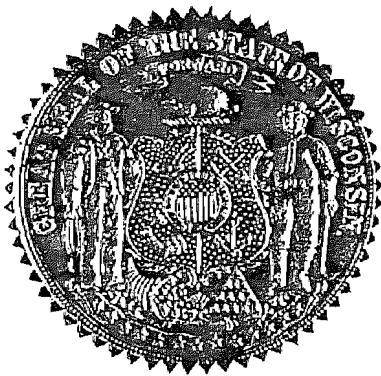
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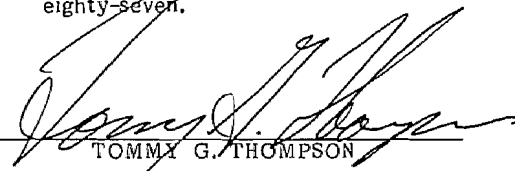
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4. Ask that each county designated above immediately establish a local committee to distribute any free hay or other feeds, which may become available through voluntary efforts. The state level committee shall assist the counties in helping establish these committees. However, it shall be the responsibility of the local committees to:
 - (a) organize county efforts;
 - (b) coordinate activities with other counties in developing uniform guidelines for distribution; and
 - (c) determine and effect the distribution of hay and other feeds, since they will be more knowledgeable about local conditions and needs.
5. Direct DATCP and DEG to immediately prepare all necessary documentation and applications to the federal government to request all available federal assistance for this emergency.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State