



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-06.1

WHEREAS, Doug Burgum, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority granted under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, hereby declares a drought emergency for those counties experiencing extreme drought conditions resulting in a “D3” rating from the United States Drought Monitor, as well as all adjacent counties; and,

WHEREAS, all above-described affected counties that are experiencing extreme drought, as well as all adjacent counties, are eligible for assistance under the North Dakota Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 89-11-01; and,

WHEREAS, lack of precipitation during the spring and early summer months of 2017 have caused, and continue to cause, dry conditions and low soil moisture levels that have a detrimental impact on crop and pasture conditions in the affected counties; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Drought Monitor shows increasing portions of North Dakota to be in severe and extreme drought; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions adversely and significantly impact livestock pasture conditions and water supplies, crop emergence and production, and agribusiness in general; and,

WHEREAS, current and anticipated drought conditions have and will continue to contribute to water supply shortages for livestock and agricultural producers; and,

WHEREAS, producers may be forced into supplemental feeding and sell-down of livestock herds to enable operations during this period of drought conditions; and,

WHEREAS, financial losses to the agricultural industry and agribusiness constitute a serious economic hardship for the entire state.

NOW, THEREFORE:


The Chief Engineer and Secretary of the North Dakota State Water Commission is **hereby ordered** to administer the North Dakota Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program within all counties experiencing extreme drought conditions resulting in a D3 rating by the U.S. Drought Monitor, as well as all adjacent counties.

This order is issued pursuant to the following authority and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a drought emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 89-11-01, North Dakota Administrative Code.
3. A drought emergency exists within the State of North Dakota.


This order supersedes Executive Order 2017-06 issued June 22, 2017. This order shall take effect immediately, and remain in effect until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 30th day of June, 2017.




Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State


Deputy