



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-06

WHEREAS, I, Doug Burgum, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby declare a drought emergency for the following counties that are experiencing extreme drought conditions: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Burleigh, Divide, Golden Valley, Hettinger, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Slope, Stark, Ward, Williams and all adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, the above-named counties and all adjacent counties (Burke, Dunn, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McHenry, McKenzie, Mountrail, Renville, Sheridan and Sioux) 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 dry conditions and low soil moisture levels that have had a detrimental impact on crop and pasture conditions in the affected counties; and

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

WHEREAS, these conditions have had an adverse impact on livestock pasture conditions and water supplies, crop emergence and production, and agribusiness in general; and

WHEREAS, current and anticipated drought conditions will 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 agri-business constitute a serious economic hardship for the entire state; and

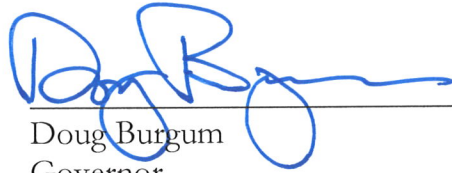
NOW THEREFORE, I hereby declare a drought-related emergency exists within the State of North Dakota, and order the Chief Engineer and Secretary of the North Dakota State Water Commission to administer the North Dakota Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program within the counties included in this order, 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.

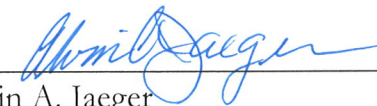
This order is in effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2017.



Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State