

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29
EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AFFECTED
BY HAY SHORTAGES DUE TO DROUGHT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes) authorizes and empowers the Governor to make, amend or rescind the necessary orders, rules and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon him, with due consideration of the policies of the federal government;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes) authorizes and empowers the Governor to deliver materials or perform services for disaster purposes on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by any existing law; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes) authorizes the Governor to take such action and give such directions to State and local law-enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has declared seventy-three (73) North Carolina counties as agricultural disaster areas due to drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a severe shortage of hay for feeding livestock; and

WHEREAS, large bales of hay are available and could be transported if certain load width limitations were waived;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes 20-115 and 20-116 limit the width of a vehicle or vehicle combination to 102”.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. That for a period of 90 days, beginning August 30, 2002, until November 30, 2002, the State of North Carolina under the supervision and direction of the Department of Transportation and Division of Motor Vehicles will waive width restrictions on vehicles transporting hay to farmers located in the seventy-three (73) declared drought stricken counties.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the waiver set forth above, the size restrictions and penalties have not been waived for vehicles operating with an overall width exceeding ten (10) feet.

This order does not exempt compliance with any posted road or bridge weight limitations.

Section 3. This executive order will be effective September 3, 2002, and shall remain in effect until December 2, 2002.

Done in the Capital City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this the 3rd day of September, 2002.

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State