

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-14
PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO
WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA FARMERS**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, recent snow and rain in west central Minnesota have resulted in extremely wet field conditions, thereby threatening the timely removal of straw bales; and

WHEREAS, these wet conditions will result in additional days required to complete the harvest; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that immediate action be taken to avoid economic loss this harvest season and to protect the economic health and safety of people in west central Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that a State of Emergency exists in west central Minnesota and do direct the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation with respect to highways under his jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, to issue an annual permit to enable a vehicle carrying square bales of straw with a total outside load width not exceeding 12 feet to be operated on public streets and highways. Permits issued under this section are governed by the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes,


section 169.86, except as otherwise provided herein, and, in addition, carry the following restrictions:

1. This permit only authorizes a load width exceeding 102 inches if the product is square baled straw with a minimum bale size of four feet by four feet by eight feet. The hauling vehicle must not exceed 102 inches wide, although temporary extensions that are narrower than the load may be used to stabilize the straw in transit.
2. Only first haul from field of harvest to first storage site is allowed under this permit.
3. Movement is only allowed through March 1, 1996, in the counties of Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Grant, and Traverse.
4. Movement is only allowed within 35 miles of the border between Minnesota and North Dakota. The vehicle may not be operated on a highway with pavement less than 24 feet wide (map available). The vehicle may not be operated on interstate highways.
5. The vehicle may not be operated between sunset and sunrise, when visibility is impaired by weather, fog, or other conditions rendering persons and vehicles not clearly visible at a distance of 500 feet, on Sunday from noon until sunset, or on New Year's Day.
6. The vehicle must be equipped with a retractable or removable mirror on the left side so located that it will reflect to the driver a clear view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear.
7. The vehicle must display red, orange, or yellow flags, 18 inches square, as marked at the front and rear and on both sides of the load. The load must be securely bound to the transporting vehicle.

8. Farm vehicles not for hire carrying square baled straw less than 20 miles are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit. All other requirements of this Emergency Executive Order apply to vehicles transporting square baled straw.
9. The permit fee is \$24. All other statutes apply.


Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this twenty-eighth day of December, 1995.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

