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TO: The Honorable Joan Growe  
Secretary of State

FROM: Jim Nichols  
Commissioner of Agriculture

SUBJ: Agricultural Policy Advisory Task Force

At Governor Perpich's request, I have established an Agricultural Policy Advisory Task Force pursuant to M.S. §15.014.

The charge to the Task Force is to exchange information on financial conditions in various parts of Minnesota, to assess both state and national farm policy, and to arrive at conclusions to help us mobilize resources that might help.

The Task Force is a broad based group of farmers, implement dealers, bankers, and main street business people. Together, they represent a cross section of Minnesota's rural economy. The Task Force members will be reimbursed expenses pursuant to M.S. §15.059, subdivision 6. Attached is a list of the 15 Task Force members.

The first meeting of the Task Force will be Tuesday, October 16 at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the Chairman and the Task Force, or until the charge is fulfilled. The entire length of this Advisory Task Force is not expected to exceed three to six months.

If you have any questions, please call me or Anne deMeurisse at (612) 296-1484.

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Attachment

cc: Joe Komro, Director, Accounting Division  
Gerald Heil, Director, Planning Division

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