



# Agricultural Emergency Account Annual Report

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## Introduction

This report is submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statute 17.041 Subd.3. No later than February 1 each year, the commissioner must report activities and expenditures under this section to the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.

### 17.041 AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATION.

Subdivision 1. Establishment; appropriation.

An agricultural emergency account is established in the agricultural fund. Money in the account, including interest, is appropriated to the commissioner for emergency response activities for agricultural emergencies affecting producers of livestock, poultry, crops, or other agricultural products. Eligible uses include agency costs directly attributed to responding to agricultural emergencies and purchasing necessary equipment and reimbursing costs incurred by local units of government that are not eligible for reimbursement from other sources.

## Background

Palmer amaranth, also known as Palmer pigweed, is an extremely aggressive, fast-growing species that has become a serious weed problem in row crops in many states. Over the past several years, numerous reports have been published on Palmer amaranth documenting severe crop losses, and resistance to glyphosate and other herbicides. Palmer amaranth was first identified in southwest Minnesota in August 2016 at which time the Department established a zero-tolerance policy in the state.

## Activities and Expenditures

\$9,010.87

Funds from the Agriculture Emergency Account were used to coordinate and manage on-site Palmer amaranth emergency response activities including; seed sampling, investigation of new locations and treating Palmer amaranth locations.