



## Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 348.27(11m) Jeff Lyon, Interim Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, requests that the Secretary of Transportation authorize the issuance of Agricultural Emergency Permits. On August 16, 2017, Interim Secretary Lyon determined that as a result of severe drought in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, and the resultant stress on crops, livestock, and grazing land, an agricultural emergency exists due to the need to transport feed through Wisconsin to reach affected areas. Size limits imposed on vehicles by Wis. Stat. § 348.05(1) may prevent or hinder relief efforts, whereas increasing size limits to the parameters described herein will have little to no effect on highway safety.

Therefore, I authorize the issuance of Agricultural Emergency Permits. This order remains in effect through September 15, 2017.

Beginning Thursday, August 17, 2017, Agricultural Emergency Permits authorized per Wis. Stat. § 348.27(11m) may be issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation System Development - Motor Carrier Services Section. These permits authorize:

- Transport of baled hay, baled straw, baled cornstalks, or baled stover to be used for feed
  - On all highways of the state;
  - From August 17, 2017, through September 15, 2017;
  - During daylight hours.
- At a maximum overall
  - Height of 14 feet 6 inches;
  - Width of 12 feet 5 inches.

Other provisions:

- The Agricultural Emergency Permit must be carried in the permitted vehicle, which must be identified by a VIN, and made available to law enforcement upon request in paper or as an electronic image.

Dave Ross  
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