

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Declaring an Agricultural Disaster (Grasshoppers and/or Mormon Crickets).

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaration of Agricultural Disaster

WHEREAS, the State of Utah has experienced significant damage to crops such as small grains, alfalfa, and safflower in several regions currently infested with grasshoppers and/or Mormon crickets; and

WHEREAS, surveys have shown a conservative estimate of more than 1.5 million acres of public and private land to be significantly infested with grasshoppers and/or Mormon crickets in 18 Utah counties; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Commissioner of Agriculture and Food has declared an insect emergency in several Utah counties making state funds available for grasshopper and Mormon cricket treatment following the recommendation of the 1999 Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Decision and Action Committee authorized under the Insect Infestation Emergency Control Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution and the laws of the State of Utah,

DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT: It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Agricultural Disaster" exists due to the aforesaid grasshopper and Mormon cricket infestation in the State of Utah and that all such affected areas within the State are declared to be agricultural disasters requiring aid, assistance and relief pursuant to the provision of State statutes.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 29th day of July, 1999.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker
Lieutenant Governor

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