September 1, 2019

To: Commodity leaders

From: Steve Troxler

 Commissioner

RE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

 Executive Order Nos. 100, 101 and 102

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In addition to Executive Order No. 100, the Governor has now also issued Executive Orders Nos. 101 (Declaration of a State of Emergency) and 102 (Temporary Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations to Ensure Restoration of Utility Services and the Transportation of Essentials) due to the potential impacts to North Carolina from Hurricane Dorian. Hurricane Dorian continues to create an imminent threat of severe economic loss of livestock, poultry and crops ready to be harvested. At my recommendation and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.70(g), the Governor has directed the Department of Public Safety to temporarily suspend weighing those vehicles used to transport livestock, poultry or crops ready to be harvested. The Governor has also declared that the maximum hours of service for drivers prescribed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-381 should be waived.

A copy of Executive Orders Nos. 100, 101 and 102 are attached. Please share these Executive Orders with members of your commodity groups. If anyone is mistakenly stopped while trying to transport livestock, poultry, crops or feed, they should share the executive orders with law enforcement. Specifically, Section 9 of Executive Orders No. 100 and 102 state “Upon request by law enforcement officers, exempted vehicles must produce documentation sufficient to establish that their loads are being used for … carrying feed for livestock and poultry, or transporting livestock, poultry or crops ready to be harvested in the State of North Carolina.”

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is continuing to monitor the path of Hurricane Dorian and is working closely with State Emergency Management.