

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Drought conditions in many parts of the country have reached such disaster proportions as to threaten a large segment of the livestock industry and disrupt the whole agricultural economy unless effective measures to combat the extraordinary emergency can be continued.

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To meet the exigencies resulting from this major disaster, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by Public Law 875, 81st Congress, I hereby direct the Commodity Credit Corporation to furnish supplies of feed acquired by it in carrying out price support operations for use in the drought emergency program under such terms and conditions and for such period of time as you determine to be required by the nature and extent of the disaster. Such feed supplies shall be furnished without reimbursement from presently appropriated funds. This directive shall be effective with respect to feed supplies furnished from the stocks of Commodity Credit Corporation on and after June 26, 1953.

I propose to request the Congress to take specific action for the purpose of reimbursing the Corporation for losses representing the difference between the value of the feed furnished under this directive and the sales price therefor received by the Corporation. These losses will not include the costs incurred by the Corporation in handling, processing, shipping, and otherwise distributing supplies of feed furnished under this directive, since it is understood that such costs will be defrayed out of funds appropriated by Public Law 170, 83d Congress, for the purposes of section 2(d) of the Act of April 6, 1950, as amended.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Generals Vera Hart Benson  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Washington 25, D. C.

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