

**GENERAL RULES FOR THE EMERGENCY SALE OF ROADSIDE HAY PERMITS
ON NEBRASKA HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY
Clarification Added for #5 – July 3, 2006**

1. Permits will be available beginning at 8:00am, Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at specific Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) offices.

- NDOR Hay Permit Sales Office List will be available here after 3:30 pm Monday, June 19th.
- Beginning June 20, 2006, roadside hay will be available for sale in counties west of US Highway 281, in Nebraska.
- Landowners with property adjacent to available highway rights-of-way may purchase hay permits five working days in advance of the general public.
- Where a county is split by the east/west designation, the entire county will be included in the first round on June 20.
- Sales to the general public for counties west of US 281 will begin Tuesday, June 27.

- Beginning Monday, June 26, 2006, roadside hay will be available for sale in counties east of US Highway 281 in Nebraska.
- Landowners with property adjacent to available highway rights-of-way may purchase hay permits five working days in advance of the general public.
- Sales to the general public for counties east of US 281 will begin Monday, July 3, 2006.
- Permits are available at specific Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) offices. See Current Hay Permit Sales Office List.

2. Permits will be available to walk-in customers only. No telephone sales allowed.

3. The area to be mowed is from 15 feet off the surfacing to the outer right-of-way line on one or both sides of the road.

4. One permit is allowed per farm unit. Hay is for private use only.

5. An individual may purchase from one to five miles of roadside right-of-way, one or both sides. For two-lane highways, the charge per mile per side is \$5.00. For expressways, the charge per mile per side is \$10.00. For interstate highways, the charge per mile per side is \$20.00.

- NOTE: An individual may not purchase more than 5 total miles. The total may be achieved by purchasing miles from one side of the road only, or it may be combination of miles from both sides of the road. Example: 3 miles from one side and 2 miles from the other side. But the total miles purchased shall not exceed 5 total miles.

6. Permits for roadside hay donated to the Orphan Grain Train program are exempt from fees.

7. For interstate and expressways, no mowing is allowed in medians and interchange quadrants.

8. Rules for roadside haying are stated on the permit form and must be followed for the hay permit to be valid. Failure to do so may preclude an applicant from acquiring a license in future years. Any exception to the rules must be approved by the local NDOR District Engineer and notated on the permit. It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to read and understand the restrictions being placed upon the licensee.

9. NDOR District personnel should flag areas that have been sprayed with chemicals and no mowing will be allowed in these areas.
10. While operating on highway rights-of-way, vehicles must display flashing yellow lights and slow-moving vehicles must display the slow-moving vehicle placard.
11. All traffic rules must be complied with in conjunction with the haying operation. All haying operations shall be confined to the roadside area.
12. Areas under construction are exempt from hay permitting. Exceptions will be determined by the NDOR District Engineer.
13. Mowing can begin immediately. Hay must be baled and picked up no later than 20 days after it is cut or it becomes the property of the Nebraska Department of Roads.
14. The NDOR District Engineer reserves the right to restrict or limit mowing in any area deemed unfit. During the 2006 drought hay harvest, mowing frequencies as indicated in the NDOR Highway Mowing Guidelines will be irrelevant.
15. All questions regarding individual permits should be directed to the District Engineer or his/her designee.