

Northwest Oklahoma Complex Fires Relief Assistance

A relief fund has been established by the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Foundation (OCF) to help Beaver, Ellis, Harper and Woodward County Cattlemen who have been affected by recent wildfires in the area. Donations to the relief effort can be made by mail or online. Checks should be made payable to the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Foundation with “Fire Relief” in the memo line, and can be mailed to P.O. Box 82395 Oklahoma City, OK 73148. Online donations can be made at www.okcattlemen.org.

To make a donation of hay, use the contact information provided to the right to make arrangements for drop-off locations. For trucking services donations, call the Harper County Extension Office at 580-735-2252.

Hay Drop-Off Locations

Place	Location	Contact Name/Number
Buffalo Feeders	Location: 4 miles east of Buffalo, OK on Highway 64	Caleb Nelson 580-727-1332
Tyree Ag	US-283, Laverne, OK just over 1 mile North of Stop Light last business north side of Laverne East side of the road	Jay Dee Nielsen 580-334-6819
Dale Long	1 mile east, ½ mile North, ½ mile East of Gate, OK	Dale Long 580-571-1249
May Coop Elevator	May Oklahoma	Tom Fanning 580-727-5530
Buffalo Coop	322 E Harper, Buffalo, OK 73834	Beverly Mings 580-735-2533
Western Equipment	3999 Lakeview Drive, Woodward, OK	Caleb Zook 580-254-0080

A database was also created to identify where hay is stored as well as transportation information. It can be found at <http://oces.okstate.edu/harper/fire-relief-2017>.

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) also has disaster assistance programs available that may be able to provide relief to producers affected by the fires. Producers planning to apply for assistance should document all losses with records and pictures. The Harper County FSA can be reached at 580-735-2033 ext. 2, and the Woodward County FSA at 580-756-7882 ext. 2

Producers can also seek assistance FSA’s Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions including eligible adverse weather, eligible disease and eligible attacks. For more information on LIP, contact your local FSA office.

FSA’s Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and help put in place methods of water conservation during severe drought by providing funding and assistance. Farmers and ranchers can check with their local FSA office for more information on ECP.

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is also administered by the FSA of USDA. This program covers losses due to an eligible adverse weather or loss condition including blizzards, disease, water shortages and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP covers losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs such as LIP. For more information on the ELAP program, contact your local FSA office.

The Emergency Loan Program provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters or quarantine. Information on emergency loans can be obtained from your local FSA office.

