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### **Farm Rescue Assists 500<sup>th</sup> Farm Family** *Nonprofit reaches service milestone*

**HORACE, N.D., October 5, 2017** - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, harvesting or haying assistance free of charge to farm and ranch families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, has just completed its 500<sup>th</sup> assistance case.

The ranch of Doug Bichler, near Linton, ND, was the site of this milestone service event. Bichler recently lost an arm in a baler accident and has also been affected by extreme drought conditions. Farm Rescue volunteers delivered donated hay to Doug's farm as part of its current "Operation Hay Lift", which is on pace to deliver hay to more than 100 ranchers in need before the end of the year.

Farm Rescue assisted its very first family in 2006 and since then, has consistently added more services to help a larger number of rural families stricken by unexpected crises. Reaching the 500 mark would not have been possible without the many contributions of volunteers, sponsors, donors and staff, who fulfill the patriotic and compassionate mission of Farm Rescue.

"The altruistic mission of Farm Rescue continues to have a positive impact throughout our farming and ranching communities," said Bill Gross, Founder & President, Farm Rescue. "There is no better reward in life than to help those who have experienced unexpected crises. It has indeed been an honor to provide Rescue Blessings to 500 families."

The North Dakota-based nonprofit has been blessed with nationwide support and recognition through volunteerism, donations, sponsorships and media coverage. Actor and North Dakota native, Josh Duhamel, even spent time volunteering with Farm Rescue during the recent wheat harvest and learned more about the life-changing work being done through the organization.

A special thank you to RDO Equipment Company, Haybuster, Anderson Trucking Service, Landoll, Wilson Trailer, Heartland Chevy Dealers, Puklich Chevrolet, Ryan Chevrolet, RDO Truck Centers and JP Wiest for providing the necessary equipment and vehicles to accomplish Farm Rescue's mission.

The nonprofit plans to continue Operation Hay Lift for as long as it is needed and as long as resources are available. If anyone would like to contribute to their cause, please consider making a year-end donation to Farm Rescue. Visit [farmrescue.org/donate](http://farmrescue.org/donate) or mail contributions to P.O. Box 28, Horace, ND 58047. Farm Rescue is also in need of additional CDL volunteers to deliver hay to ranchers in need. Volunteer applications can be completed online at [farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org).

#### ***About Farm Rescue***

Farm Rescue has helped 500 families since its inception in 2006. The organization's mission is to help farmers and ranchers who have experienced a major illness, injury, or natural disaster by providing the necessary equipment and manpower to plant, hay or harvest their crop. Farm Rescue helps farm and ranch families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and Iowa. For more information about the organization and the services it provides, please visit [www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org).

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