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Farm Rescue Offers Livestock Feeding Assistance *Nonprofit adds new service to help ranchers*

HORACE, N.D., November 21, 2017 - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, harvesting, haying and hay hauling assistance free of charge to farm and ranch families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, is now offering additional services to area ranchers through livestock feeding assistance.

Farm Rescue has helped farm families in crisis since 2006, with haying assistance services added in 2012. The summer of 2017 was the busiest service period to date for Farm Rescue, as "Operation Hay Lift" volunteers strived to deliver hundreds of loads of hay to ranchers affected by severe drought and various other crises. The organization has steadily increased its capacity to help more producers each year and recently announced an expansion into Nebraska, where volunteers will provide haying and hay hauling assistance services.

The North Dakota-based nonprofit now provides support in six states throughout the Midwest and will offer the newly-added livestock feeding assistance throughout its entire service area. That assistance comes in the form of volunteers, known as "Angels in Blue," and equipment to support livestock feeding when a rancher is unable to perform the work, due to a crisis.

"We are proud to offer this new service for ranchers," said Bill Gross, Founder & President, Farm Rescue. "We recognize the challenges that hard-working American ranchers face on an ongoing basis. Livestock still needs to be fed when crisis strikes unexpectedly, and thus we are expanding our services to provide timely livestock feeding assistance when a ranch family is in the recovery phase of a major injury, illness or natural disaster."

As with all Farm Rescue services, livestock feeding assistance will be provided through the work of volunteers. The organization is seeking additional volunteers for this new venture. Anyone interested in joining the Farm Rescuer family of volunteers to help ranchers should submit a volunteer form at www.farmrescue.org.

A special thank you to the following companies for helping launch Farm Rescue livestock feeding assistance to ranchers, as well as supporting the continuation of Operation Hay Lift: Haybuster, First International Bank & Trust, Napoleon Livestock, RDO Truck Centers, Oneok, Hess, Anderson Trucking Service, J.P. Wiest, Rugby Livestock Auction, Landoll, Wilson Trailer, Enerbase, Tri-Energy Cooperative, Farmers Union Oil Company of Velva and Farmers Union Oil Company of Beulah.

About Farm Rescue

Farm Rescue has helped more than 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. Livestock feeding assistance is also available to ranchers. Farm Rescue helps farm and ranch families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and Iowa. Applications are currently being accepted for livestock feeding assistance, which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or www.farmrescue.org.

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