



Farm Rescue aids Dewald

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Tarin Dewald, who farms near Fredonia, was working on his auger when he fell off, plummeting about 15 feet to the ground, on March 6. He broke his pelvis, a few ribs, his elbow and got a concussion from the impact of the fall.

"I don't remember a thing," he said. "I always try to be careful. I don't really know what happened. I still had my cellphone with me, and I apparently dragged myself to my pickup and got in and called Jill (his wife)."

The injuries Dewald sustained, which left him in a wheelchair until last Friday, made working his farmland this spring impossible for him. So, he and his wife made a decision to call on Farm Rescue for help.

Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, harvesting and haying assistance to farm families that have experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster, sent volunteers to help with spring planting. Its mission, according to its website, farmrescue.org, is to help family farmers through crises so they have an opportunity to continue viable operations.

Dewald, who is now on crutches, said he owns and rents about 4,000 acres of land.

"It's not the end of the world," he said. "It'll just be a bit of a struggle to get it all (planting) done."

Kenneth Chyle of Kentucky, a field program manager for Farm Rescue, said he was just finishing up sowing 613 acres of wheat for Dewald on Monday.

"Each farmer whose application is accepted receives 500 acres allotted through the Farm Rescue program for work to

be done," Chyle said. "There is a \$15 per acre charged after that for any land planted by us."

"I appreciate what they are doing," Dewald said. "I am very thankful for the help."

Dewald said his brother-in-law and his hired man will be taking care of the remaining acreage.

Chyle, who was assisted by Emil Baranko from Illinois, said that he is in his fifth year of volunteering for Farm Rescue.

A retired farmer, Chyle said that his farming neighbors took care of him while his wife was ill with cancer and he had to care for her and take her for treatments.

"After I retired, I thought, 'Now it's my time to give back as a volunteer,'" he said.

Farm Rescue, which has assisted more than 300 farm families since its inception in 2006, helped 17 farmers last fall, Chyle said.

"RDO (Equipment Co.) dealerships have supplied \$5 million worth of equipment to help farmers," he said. "Without the donations of RDO, which has 85 dealerships, and the sponsors and volunteers, Farm Rescue would not be in operation."

Farm Rescue's territory covers five states in the Upper Midwest, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and eastern Montana, Chyle said. Bill Gross, founder and president of Farm Rescue, is a North Dakota native. He began the organization in 2005.

Dewald, who is now receiving physical therapy, said he has been out checking his fields.

"It's hard to say when I'll be well enough to get back to farming," he said. "There's a lot to do yet. It's nice to be upright on crutches, but my elbow is still not working quite right."

His son, Bryton, a sophomore at Jamestown High School, has been allowed out of school early to help, he said.

"He's been driving me back and forth from Jamestown to the farm," Dewald said.

The family resides in Jamestown. To apply for help from Farm Rescue, visit www.farmrescue.org (<http://www.farmrescue.org>)

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