

## Wildfire Relief Efforts

- For producers who have lost livestock, fences, equipment or anything else, there are programs through the County FSA Offices that may offer assistance: [Service Center Locator](#)
  - Individuals need to contact those offices to make sure they understand the process of documenting their losses. If properly documented, there may be some indemnification available.
  - Every County in the state has a County Emergency Manager. Producers who need assistance with something, such as burying livestock, should talk to their County EM, as they may have equipment available to assist.
- For assistance in finding the best place to bury dead livestock, contact your [County NRCS Office](#).
- The [Harper County OSU Extension Office](#) is coordinating relief efforts across the state. Call or text (580) 735-2252 for more information.
- In Johnston County one of the local banks is accepting money in the name of the [County Cattlemen's Association](#) to be donated through the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation. Other local towns and counties may be doing the same.
- The [Oklahoma State Health Department through the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps Stress Response Team](#) is available to provide mental health response services.
- Encourage those who have been impacted to reach out for help.

Below is the message from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management:

### **HOW TO HELP**

Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) offers the following tips:

When disaster strikes, the best way to support survivors of emergencies or disasters in Oklahoma is with cash donations to reputable voluntary organizations. Cash donations allow relief organizations or survivors to purchase what they need, when and where they need it. Buying supplies locally helps the local community recover by helping local businesses pay salaries and by keeping tax revenues in the community.

Do not send unsolicited donations of used clothing, miscellaneous items or perishable foods, which must be sorted, warehoused, transported and distributed. This requires more efforts and staffing to manage those resources and takes away from recovery efforts. If you must donate in-kind goods, make certain that they are specifically requested and needed by recognized organizations.

## **FIRE RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED FOR OKLAHOMA CATTLEMEN**

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.

If you would like to donate to this relief effort, you can do so by mail or online. Make checks payable to Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation and put "Fire Relief" in the memo line and send to P.O. Box 82395., Oklahoma City, OK 73148. To donate online, visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org).

If you would like to donate hay or trucking services for hay, you can do so by contacting either the Harper County Extension Office at 580-735-2252 or Buffalo Feeders at 580-727-5530 to make arrangements or provide trucking services.