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HURRICANE RELIEF FUND REPORT



North Carolina Farm Bureau cares about our farm families and the challenges our farmers face every day. Many of the challenges they face are completely out of their control, particularly the weather. The unprecedented storms of 2018 left many of our states farmers and ranchers in dire circumstances in a time where our agricultural economy had not completely recovered from previous weather disasters and lowered net farm income. We knew that we had to act to help our farm families that were devastated by Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael. The North Carolina Farm Bureau Hurricane Relief Fund was instituted to compliment other organizations and government agencies who demonstrated a long term commitment to helping farmers and rural communities recover from Hurricane Season 2018.

In this report, you will see firsthand how our Hurricane Relief Fund, through the North Carolina Farm Bureau Foundation, helped serve families and rural communities that were severely impacted by the storms. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of friends, neighbors, and businesses in North Carolina willing to invest in these worthy projects. We must also acknowledge that contributions came from outside of our state including other state Farm Bureaus and non-profits. Thank you simply does not adequately express our gratitude for the contributions of time, money, and resources given by our partners in this effort. Your generosity made a difference in the lives of many North Carolina farm families.



INDIVIDUAL PROJECT SUMMARY

GOAL

To align NC Farm Bureau with strong organizations that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to helping farmers and rural communities recover from Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael.

Total Donors: 307

Total Farm Families assisted: 5,023 farm families

Total Donations: \$785,050.61

HAY RELIEF PROGRAM

GOAL To transport donated and NCFB purchased hay to affected farmers

PARTNERS NC Forest Service, NC State Extension
NC Cattlemen's Association

HIGHLIGHTS 161 Farm Families Assisted
2,800 + bales of hay valued at \$98,000 was donated to eastern NC
285 bales of hay were purchased and hauled to farmers impacted by the storms

“ We thought we would have to sell the majority of the herd. It was very overwhelming to see the generosity of others. ”
– Pender County Farmer

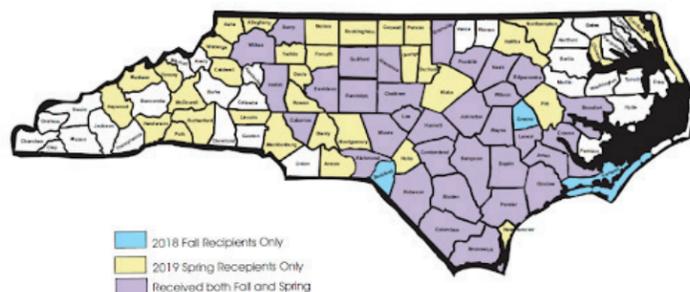
“ I really appreciate the Farm Bureau doing this type of meeting. The free consultation is very much appreciated. I will take advantage of them! ”
– Jones County Farmer

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BIN: HELPING FARMERS THROUGH HARD TIMES

GOAL To provide farmers with tools to evaluate their farm's finances, resources to help them navigate their financial wellbeing and to learn techniques to identify and manage stress

PARTNERS NC State Extension, NC Agromedicine Institute, Farm Credit System

HIGHLIGHTS 516 Farm Families Assisted
7 Sessions held
10 consultations provided



SOIL AND WATER FALL/SPRING SEED PROGRAM

GOAL To provide seed for pasture and field restoration

PARTNERS NC Soil & Water Foundation, NC State Extension

HIGHLIGHTS 1075 Farm Families Assisted
Allocated more than 211,125 pounds of seed thus improving up to 7,340 acres

ADJUSTING TO THE NEW NORMAL: HELPING FAMILIES, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM HURRICANE FLORENCE

GOAL To provide one day training seminars for individuals whom farmers trust – pastors, ag industry leaders, etc.

PARTNERS Baptist on Mission

HIGHLIGHTS Farm Families Assisted: 1,261
7 Sessions held

“ I found this session to be very informative. It gives insight to farmers in a depressed Ag Economy. I think it's good for farmers to keep their options open and not let pride get in the way of making sound business decisions. ”
– Wayne County Farmer

STRESS MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

GOAL To research, evaluate and develop resources to be used once stress is identified

PARTNERS NC Agromedicine Institute

HIGHLIGHTS 1,158 Farm Families Assisted
Implemented at 16 events

FARM ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY MISSION (FARM)

GOAL To aid eligible farmers who suffered crop losses from Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael

HIGHLIGHTS 812 Farm Families Assisted



SPAT ON SHELL

GOAL Produce and deploy spat on cultch shell to help restore wild oyster populations for commercial harvest cultch-recycled oyster shells/ spat-oyster seed settled on cultch shell

PARTNERS Sea Grant NC

HIGHLIGHTS 6 acres of Oyster beds will be stocked in Fall 2019 with spat on shell.
\$156,000 economic impact for the fisherman from harvestable oysters
40 fisherman Families Assisted