

Huerfano County Animal Shelter

Feed Resupply Program

Fact Sheet

We are extremely sorry for your losses. This plan is an attempt to make sure that donated feed will get to the people who have lost the most, and who need it the most. For questions please contact Carl Beeman, CSU County Extension Agent, at 719-251-9911.

This is information that might be useful when dealing with questions about the donated feed donation program.

1. Quick overview of existing policy, which will remain in effect until this fire event is over and the donated feed is all distributed to fire victims
 - a. No hay will be distributed until this event is concluded.
 - b. First priority is feeding animals housed here at the shelter.
 - c. All feed at **THIS** facility was donated with the understanding that it would be donated to and used by Huerfano or Costilla County residents who lost pasture, stored feed or livestock to the fire. If you did not receive tangible damage from the fire, you are not eligible for any of the donated feed.
 - d. We understand that there is a severe drought situation but that is not limited to our immediate area. Everyone is in a drought but this hay is not a drought relief effort, it is a fire relief effort.
 - e. Anyone wishing to apply for some of the donated feed must fill out an application (available at the Huerfano County Fairgrounds during the fire and at the CSU Extension office in Walsenburg during regular business hours.)
 - f. Applications must be filled out completely (with as much documentation as you can provide, such as photographs, livestock inventories, etc.) The more detailed and complete the application, the more likely you are to receive some of the hay.
 - g. Once we get applications in, we will develop a plan for distribution of this feed. As of now we have no way of determining how much of the donated feed anyone is eligible for because we have no idea how much damage there is and how many producers have been affected.
 - h. We will be accepting applications through Monday, July 16th. Any fire damage occurring after that date will also be taken into consideration when the actual distribution event occurs. (God willing this thing will be over long before that)
 - i. Situations such as having to move your livestock to someone else's property resulting in them losing all or a large portion of their pasture will be considered but any damage awards will depend on monetary donations, feed availability, etc.

- j. We wish that we could start distributing this feed immediately but if we distributed everything that we have that would not be fair to producers who are still involved in the fire and are still experiencing damages.
2. We understand how devastating this situation is and we are extremely sorry that you are having to deal with the situation. We would love to be able to say just come and get however much feed you want, but that just isn't feasible. The feed was donated for fire victims and we are going to ensure that that is who the feed is distributed to.

Also, please understand that we were in the process of developing a Huerfano County Plan for exactly this type of disaster when it actually happened. So, a lot of the policies that we are enforcing have been developed by other counties and municipalities. When this event is over, we will develop an animal evacuation and rescue plan designed specifically for the needs of Huerfano County and its residents.

This plan and distribution process is being developed (and we understand that it is an ongoing process and we hope that you can understand that, also) by numerous Huerfano County officials and employees with input from staff at the Emergency Operations Center, Colorado State University Extension, Colorado State Veterinarian's office and other interested individuals.

Respectfully submitted by –

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