



LOUISIANA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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To Whom It May Concern,

Hurricane Ida made landfall on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina at a Category 4 with sustained winds as high as 150 mph. Hurricane Ida took a similar path as Katrina, but where Katrina hit New Orleans directly, Hurricane Ida made landfall near Port Fourchon and Houma, right in the heart of our cattle country on that side of the state. The full assessment of damage sustained will take some time, as the hardest hit areas will be difficult to reach immediately due to remained flooding and road closures. Where most of the flooding occurred is the home to thousands of head of cattle. For the cattle that survived this means most of their pastures will be ruined due to salt water and hundreds of miles of fence have been destroyed. Like most of the country Louisiana is already in a hay shortage. We are working to gather as much hay and feed possible for these producers. As we know as soon as the water resides the grass will start to die due to the saltwater.

Louisiana Cattlemen's Association is reaching out for support as we prepare to give relief to our producers affected. With the shortage of forage and destroyed fences producers are devastated looking into the winter months to come. Our 501(c)(3) foundation will be providing aid by delivering supplies to affected area throughout the recovery process. Due to our foundation's relatively small size, we are asking for supplies or financial donations to help obtain protein tubs, feed, hay, and rebuild facilities for our livestock. This may be in the gates, panels, wire, posts, rye-grass seed to plant in areas that the water killed the grass, or any other item that would aid in our rebuilding.

We are working closely with other industry organizations to best utilize our resources. If you would like to contribute, please contact me at lcamem@labeef.org or by phone at 225-428-7163. Any financial donations should be in the form of a check, with Disaster Relief in the memo line or through our foundation PayPal username dpendergrass@labeef.org.

Thank you for your support throughout this troubling time.

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