

CURRENT STATUS: ANIMAL SUPPLY POINTS - WHARTON FAIRGROUNDS IN WHARTON, TX AND B&S SERVICES IN BOLING, TX

*Saturday, Sept 9th Wharton County Animal Response Update:*

Two animal feed distribution points are still operational and continue to provide hay to those affected by hurricane Harvey. One feed distribution point is located at the Wharton county fairgrounds in Crescent. The Wharton County Fairgrounds is located at 6036 FM 961 RD, Wharton, Texas 77488. After 8 p.m. on Sunday – September 10<sup>th</sup> we will focus only on distributing hay to those in need. After 8 p.m. tomorrow we will have only square and round bales of hay. Sept. 11-15 hay will be loaded out from 3 p.m.- 8 p.m. Contact person is Corrie Bowen at 979-480-6430 or [cbowen@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cbowen@ag.tamu.edu)

The Second animal feed distribution site is located at B&S Services at 11928 FM1301, Boling, Tx 77420. We will be standing down the B&S Animal Supply Point. Contact for the B&S point is Kelly Bannert at 979-578-3368. After September 10<sup>th</sup> B&S Services will load any remaining hay by appointment only. Contact Kelly Bannert to request hay.

The second of two Texas A&M Agrilife Extension strike teams of county extension agents arrived at the Wharton fairgrounds on Friday, September 9th to continue operation of the feed distribution points. The Chief in Command is Marty Morgan , County Extension Agent from Cook county. Marty is currently the main point of contact at the Wharton Fairgrounds at [marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:marty.morgan@ag.tamu.edu)

Both Animal Supply Points are not in need of any more feed donations and are currently distributing current feed inventories until feed inventory is exhausted tomorrow evening, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout our animal response to Hurricane Harvey, we have taken in the following animals sheltered and rescued, combined: 58 dogs, 85 horses, 1 cat, 3 goats, 5 donkeys, and 367 head of beef cattle. The animal shelter operation has ceased all animal rescue operations. By Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we ended the rescue operation with only 5 dogs that have yet been reunited with their owners. One donkey and one horse have been provided pasture by a local volunteer and are will be processed as Estray Livestock this next week by the Wharton County Sheriff's Department. We have cooperated with the Wharton County Animal Issues Committee, Wharton County Office of Emergency Management, Wharton County Commissioners Court, Wharton County's S.P.O.T, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers throughout our animal shelter and supply point operations that began as early as August 26, 2017.