

Texas Counties May Be Eligible For Drought Disaster Assistance

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced Sept. 1, that livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties may be eligible for \$14.5 million in assistance under the recently announced federal Livestock Assistance Grant Program.

The livestock block grant is part of a broad-based national drought disaster assistance program for American farmers and ranchers announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week.

USDA will distribute \$50 million in state block grants to 20 states to help livestock producers recover losses suffered because of the ongoing drought.

Assistance may cover such items as the cost of lost forage, supplemental feeding, the cost of relocating livestock to new pastures and the cost of emergency water supplies.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with state-wide agriculture and livestock groups to establish the criteria for distributing the funds in Texas.

"The funds released by USDA will provide a much-needed infusion of dollars to Texas producers devastated by the ongoing drought," Combs said.

"With the entire state facing unprecedented economic setbacks because of this year's drought, I appreciate all that Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has done to help our hardworking producers recover some of their losses during these desperate times.

"We will be working closely with our livestock groups, the Governor's Office and USDA to

set up the criteria, announce a sign-up period and distribute the funds from the block grant to our producers as quickly as possible," Combs said.

Only livestock producers in the eligible counties who suffered a loss of forage production because of the 2006 drought may receive assistance.

Payments are limited to \$10,000 and cannot exceed the amount of lost forage production and related losses.

Livestock producers in the following Texas counties may be eligible for assistance: Anderson, Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey;

Bandera, Bastrop, Baylor, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe;

Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Cass, Castro, Cherokee, Childress, Clay;

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manche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam;

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Hardeman, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper;

Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Kaufman, Kendall, Kennedy, Kerr, Kimble, King, Kinney;

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Motley, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange, Palo Pinto, Parker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Rains;

Randall, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Sherman, Smith;

Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Taylor, Terrell, Throckmorton, Tipton, Tom Green, Travis, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde;

Val Verde, Van Zandt, Victoria, Ward, Washington, Webb, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Young, Zapata and Zavala.

For timely information on the Livestock Assistance Grant Program for Texas, please visit TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under "New at TDA."

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Helena Chemical Company has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Permit No. 79504 which would authorize continued operation of the Dry Fertilizer Storage and Blending Warehouse located at 4328 Willow Street, Chesterville, Colorado County, Texas. Additional information is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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was entered into the State and National database as stolen. Case pending further investigation.

At 4:36 pm, Deputy Cranek conducted a traffic stop on CR 107 near Glidden. After further investigation, Jesse Lee Cloninger, 21 of Cat Spring, was issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Case closed.

At 6:17 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to IH-10 east near the 703 mile-marker to assist the DPS with an intoxicated subject. Assistance was provided and the scene was turned over to the Highway Patrol. Case closed.

At 9:27 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to Old McDonald Road in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Paul Steven McCarter, 22 of Columbus, was arrested for Family Violence Terroristic Threat. Case closed.

At 10:18 pm, Deputy Hudson conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 90A and Sandy Creek near Sheridan. After further investigation, over two dozen individuals exited the truck and ran into the woods. One of the individuals, identified as Armand Perez Martinez, 18 of Jalisco Mexico, walked out of the woods and was taken into custody for an immigration violation. The subject was later released to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Case closed.

Monday, August 7

At 2:25 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt located a vehicle parked on Mentz Road near Hwy 90. The vehicle was determined to be a road hazard and was towed from the location. The owner of the vehicle was later notified. Case closed.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Argo responded to Center Street in Alleyton in reference to a possible stolen vehicle. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a civil matter. The complainant was referred to small claims court. Case closed.

Tuesday, August 8

At 1:15 pm, Lt. Neisner met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office about a Forgery that occurred in Columbus. The complainant was referred to the Columbus Police Department for

an investigation. Case closed.

At 1:35 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to CR 255 near Sheridan in reference to Harassing Phone calls. The information was taken and the case is pending further information.

At 3:37 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to a residence on Weishuhn Road in reference to a Forgery. The information was taken and the case remains under investigation.

Wednesday, August 9

At 9:30 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to FM 2434 in reference to a loose bull. On arrival, the information was obtained and the Estray proceedings were initiated. The case is pending an owner coming forward or sale of the animal once the Estray proceedings have been completed.

At 4:52 am, Deputy Staff responded to a residence on Emily Lane near Sheridan in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Richard Scheck Jr, 50 of Sheridan, was arrested for Family Violence Assault, Class A Misdemeanor, Family Violence Assault, Class C Misdemeanor, and Interference with Emergency Telephone Call, Class A Misdemeanor. Case closed.

At 2:38 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to the IH-10 west bound rest area in reference to Burglary of a Coin Operated Machine. The complainant reported the suspect(s) broke out the front glass on the machine and removed candy and chips. Case pending further information.

At 8:13 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence on Buck Road near New Ulm in reference to threats. On arrival, an investigation was conducted and an affidavit was submitted for an arrest warrant on the suspect. The warrant was issued and the case is pending apprehension.

Thursday, August 10

At 11 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to the Columbus Community Hospital Emergency Room to initiate a Sexual Assault investigation. After further investigation, the incident was determined to have occurred in Coryell County. Case was forwarded to the proper jurisdiction.

At 1:45 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to Hwy 90A west of Rock Island in reference to a vehicle fire. On arrival, it was determined that a Rock Island Volunteer Fire truck was burned while trying to put out a grass fire. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 9:32 pm, Deputy Mieth and Sgt. Girdt responded to Cat Spring road in reference to a disturbance. On arrival, the incident was determined to be a verbal argument. No charges were filed and the case is closed.

Friday, August 11

At 8:35 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to a residence on Onward Lane in reference to phone harassment. The information was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 9:51 pm, Deputy Thumann initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 90A west of Rice High School. After further investigation, Melvin Quincy Brown, 20 of Yoakum, was arrested for No Drivers License. Case closed.

At 11:26 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to the Columbus Community Hospital in reference to a dog bite. After an investigation, it was determined the victim had been inadvertently bitten by his own dog, while trying to break up a dog fight. The rabies vaccinations were current and the case is closed.

Saturday, August 12

At 2:55 pm, Deputy Hudson and Sgt. Edman responded to Cat Spring Road in reference to shots being fired. On arrival, several subjects, including the grandson of the land owner were located and determined to be trespassing. On the request of the property owner, the grandson and 5 other subjects were issued Criminal Trespass Warnings and escorted off the property. Case closed.

At 3 pm, Deputy LaCourse responded to a residence on German Lane in reference to a missing vehicle. On arrival, the suspect was identified and the vehicle was entered into the state and national database as a stolen vehicle. The complainant later reported the vehicle had been returned and was removed from the database. The complainant did not wish to pursue charges. Case closed.

At 7:28 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to a residence on FM 949 in reference to a lost child. The parent was contacted and the child was returned home. Case closed.

Sunday, August 13

At 2:46 pm, Deputy Slubar and Deputy Pardo responded to a residence on Travis Street in Alleyton in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported several rings missing from her residence. The complainant later called back and reported the rings had been located. The complainant said the rings had been misplaced and were not stolen. Case closed.

Monday, August 14

At 3:23 pm, Deputy LaCourse responded to Cushen Street in Rock Island in reference to trespassing. After an investigation, two juveniles were located and warned to stay off the property. Case closed.

At 6:28 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to Old McDonald Road in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, both subjects involved in the disturbance were issued citations for Disorderly Conduct. Case closed.

At 6:41 pm, Sgt. Edman was assisting another Deputy with an unrelated call, at which time a subject was observed in violation of a protective order at a residence on Old McDonald Road. After further investigation, Paul Steven McCarter, 22 of Columbus, was arrested for Violation of Protective Order, Class A Misdemeanor. Case closed.

At 9:13 pm, Deputy Cranek responded to the Columbus Community Hospital in reference to a dog bite that occurred at a residence on German Lane. The information was taken and the dog was determined to be current on all vaccinations. Case closed.

Tuesday, August 15

At 12:50 am, Deputy Thumann initiated a traffic stop on FM 3013 near Little Public Road. After further investigation, Juan Fernando Castillo, 19 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana. Case closed.

At 7:30 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to A&K Railroad in reference to a Theft. There are 2 suspects involved. Case pending further investigation and charges.

At 8:35 am, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to Carter Walker Road in reference to a suspicious vehicle. On arrival, the vehicle was determined to have flat tires, fictitious registration, and fictitious inspection. The vehicle was towed by Delgado's Wrecker Service.

At 8:58 am, Deputy Hudson initiated a traffic stop on FM 1291 and Ehlinger Road. After further investigation, Robert Harley

Mercer, 25 of LaGrange, was arrested for No Driver's License. Case closed.

At 11:30 am, Deputy Pflughaupt spoke with a complainant in reference to Terroristic Threat, which occurred in Rock Island. After further investigation, the complainant did not wish to file charges on the suspect. Case is closed.

At 3:30 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to an oil field site on CR 175 and CR 110 near Nada in reference to an industrial accident. There was one person injured who was flown to Memorial Herman in Houston for treatment. Case is closed.

At 8:27 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a dog bite. The Victim did not receive medical attention for the injuries and the dog could not be located at this time. Case pending further attempts to locate the animal.

Wednesday, August 16

At 9:40 am, Deputy Hudson responded to a residence on Cat Spring Road in reference to a missing horse. The complainant later called back to report the horse had been found. Case closed.

At 2 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to FM 102 in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported a missing generator, air tank, and air compressor. Evidence was collected and a suspect vehicle was observed on the property. Case pending further investigation.

At 3:57 pm, Deputy Pflughaupt responded to FM 3013 in reference to a Theft. The complainant reported a stolen trailer. The trailer was later recovered in Wharton County. Case is pending further information on the suspect(s).

At 5 pm, Deputy Hudson spoke with a complainant about an assault that occurred at Ms. Molly's bar on CR 107. After an investigation, there was not enough evidence to establish that an assault occurred. Case closed.

At 6:30 pm, Deputy Mieth responded to Rice High School parking lot in reference to a child custody dispute. The matter was resolved and the case is closed.

At 8:22 pm, Deputy Mieth and Sgt. Girdt responded to Cedar Lane near Weimar in reference to an assault. After further investigation, Howard Leon Harbour, 45 of Weimar, was arrested for Family Violence Assault Class C Misdemeanor. Case closed.

Thursday, August 17

At 8:43 am, Lt. Neisner met with a complainant in reference to a bat found on the back porch of a residence on FM 2434. The bat was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic for rabies testing. The rabies test came back negative. Case closed.

At 9:41 am, Lt. Neisner responded to Woodridge road in reference to an anonymous complainant of unsanitary living conditions for an elderly individual. On arrival, it was determined the living conditions were not adequate and the Adult Protective Services were notified. The elderly individual was removed from the inadequate conditions and placed elsewhere by family members. Case closed.

At 7:58 pm, Deputy Mieth and Sgt. Girdt responded FM 3013 and McDonald Road in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Wilfredo Vera Avila, 23 of Sealy, was arrested for Family Violence Assault, Class A Misdemeanor, Terroristic Threat, Class A Misdemeanor, and Terroristic Threat, Class B Misdemeanor. Case closed.