

# FARM RESCUE & RDO EQUIPMENT CO. PARTNER FOR Fifth Planting Season

With spring in the air, Farm Rescue volunteers will be back in the fields soon to plant crops for farm families that have suffered a major illness, injury or natural disaster. This year marks the fifth consecutive spring that RDO Equipment Co. will be providing agriculture equipment to this one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization.

“Our ability to help farm families is dependent upon sponsors, volunteers, and individual donors,” said Bill Gross, President and Founder of Farm Rescue. “We are very proud to partner with RDO Equipment Co., which enables us to help many farm families in the region. The company’s support is just tremendous, including everyone from their leadership team to their Service Technicians.”

Since Farm Rescue operations began in 2006, RDO Equipment Co. has donated the use of John Deere agriculture equipment for field operations. Farm Rescue surpassed an organizational milestone last year by assisting its 100th farm family.

After a wet spring in 2009 that set planting efforts back by almost a month, Gross said he and his volunteers are hoping for an earlier start this season. Two separate

planting units will be operated by volunteers, equipped with brand new no-till air seeders and air carts that are powered by John Deere 9630 and John Deere 9530 tractors.

“The equipment is dependable and a joy to operate. Its reliability allows us to complete hundreds of acres a day,” said Gross.

Farm Rescue is still accepting applications for spring planting assistance. “Our deadline for applications is a moving target, as injuries and illnesses arise at any given moment,” said Gross. “But the sooner we know of a family that needs help, the greater the possibility is that we can get them on our planting route.”

Visit [farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org) to download an application for assistance or call 701-252-2017 for more information. Weekly field updates, photos and videos of farm families will again be posted on the nonprofit’s website this spring, so the public can follow on-the-ground operations.

[www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org)

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Farm Rescue Founder Bill Gross spent countless hours in the field last spring.

