



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Contacts:**

Bill Gross, Farm Rescue  
Founder & President  
[billgross@farmrescue.org](mailto:billgross@farmrescue.org)  
(701) 252-2017

Dan Erdmann, Farm Rescue  
Marketing Program Manager  
[dan@farmrescue.org](mailto:dan@farmrescue.org)  
(701) 412-6926

## **Farm Rescue Receives Support from Illinois Farm Bureau** *Nonprofit welcomes new sponsor during first year of Prairie State operations*

**HORACE, N.D., June 13, 2023** - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides free planting, haying, harvesting, commodity hauling and livestock feeding assistance to farm families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, has received a \$5,000 donation from Illinois Farm Bureau.

The North Dakota-based nonprofit recently expanded its operations to the state of Illinois and has been working to spread word of its volunteer-led assistance services to families within the Prairie State. With its membership network of farmers and ranchers, Illinois Farm Bureau serves as an ideal partner to Farm Rescue in achieving its awareness goal and furthering its mission. In addition to financial support, Illinois Farm Bureau has also committed to sharing information through radio promotions, member communications and event participation opportunities.

"We have been impressed to hear the stories of Farm Rescue supporting farmers in need, from their quick action to skilled planning, and dedicated volunteers, they are truly making a difference in what can be some pretty dark hours for a farm family," said IFB President Richard Guebert Jr. "We'd like to ensure Illinois Farm Bureau members are aware of this organization should they ever know someone who could use support, but would also encourage our Illinois farmers to consider signing up for a volunteer team, or giving back in another way."

"We are proud to partner with Illinois Farm Bureau – an organization that has been advocating for family agriculture for more than a century," said Bill Gross, Founder & President, Farm Rescue. "This spring planting season, Farm Rescue was honored to extend a helping hand to three Illinois families impacted by tornadoes. By joining forces with Illinois Farm Bureau, our aligned missions will allow us to provide support to an even greater number of farm families in crisis."

Funding will be used to help cover Farm Rescue's operational costs when assisting farms and ranches during a major injury, illness or natural disaster. In addition to Illinois, the nonprofit provides support to families in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

### ***About Illinois Farm Bureau***

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB's Illinois Farm Bureau's mission is to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich the quality of farm family life. Our corporate giving priorities embody this mission by supporting nonprofit organizations in our core areas of focus: investing in future leaders, enriching Illinois communities, cultivating environmental stewardship and championing agricultural innovation. As a grassroots organization dedicated to serving our farmer members, service is at the heart of everything we do. We are invested in building thriving communities by supporting nonprofit organizations through financial gifts and engaging our employees in volunteer efforts.

### ***About Farm Rescue***

Farm Rescue was founded in 2005 and has helped nearly 1,000 families since its inception. The organization's mission is to help farmers and ranchers who have experienced a major illness, injury, or natural disaster by

providing the necessary equipment and volunteer labor to perform time-sensitive services. Applications for assistance are currently being accepted and can be obtained at [www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org) or by calling 701-252-2017.

###