

## **AVMA Situation Report 7 – Frances**

Date: 9/9/04

Location: Florida

### **Organizational Updates:**

#### **FLORIDA STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

GREG CHRISTY, D.V.M., ESF17 COORDINATOR

SITUATION REPORT 09/08/04

#### **CURRENT OPERATIONS:**

1. Area commander Greg Christy, D.V.M., ESF17 Coordinator
2. Incident Command Post (ICP) at University of Florida, IFAS (Extension Service) Training Center at Heritage Park Complex, Kissimmee, FL.
3. Incident Commander Mr. David Perry
4. Assessment and Response Teams deployed
5. Assessment teams visited West Palm Beach, Martin, St Lucie, Okeechobee, Indian River counties yesterday – no serious animal needs identified
6. Assessment teams to visit Columbia, Brevard, Seminole, Volusia, Orange counties today – scattered reports of stranded animals due to flood water
7. ESF17 Staging Areas being established for the distribution of feed and supplies
8. Brantley Ivie, University of Florida IFAS, SART participant, on site at ICP today. Laura Bevan, HSUS, SART participant, and Small Animal Operations Leader on site at ICP today. Bill Armstrong, Florida Animal Control Association, SART participant, on site at ICP today
9. University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, SART participant, six person veterinary team on standby
10. Florida American Kennel Club with over three hundred Florida chapters assisting with animal sheltering needs
11. Humane Society of the United States assisting with animal needs
12. Florida Disaster Animal Response Teams (DART) assisting with animal needs
13. No generators available for animal needs, all reserved or in use for human needs
14. Four Animal Control Officers with vehicles and equipment from original EMAC request (9/6/04) of fourteen requested currently onsite at ICP
15. Animal carcass disposal plan in place with USDA/VS, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry and Florida Department of Transportation (Okeechobee Landfill identified as primary landfill for animal carcass disposal)
16. ESF17 has established donation and volunteer “hot lines” for:  
DONATIONS and HUMAN RELATED DONATIONS, 1-800-FLHELP1  
(1-800-354-3571)

LARGE VOLUME FEED OR ANIMAL PRODUCT DONATIONS, Division of Animal Industry, 1-877-815-0034, 1-850-410-0900

**INDIVIDUAL SMALL DONATIONS OF FEED OR ANIMAL PRODUCTS  
VOLUNTEER HELP FOR ANIMAL CARE, Please coordinate your donation with the Humane Society of the US, 1-888-259-5431**

VETERINARIANS, AHTs AND VET MEDICAL SUPPLIES, Florida Veterinary Medical Association, 1-800-992-3862

17. Code 3 Mobile Veterinary Hospital on site in Kissimmee today to be staffed with veterinarian team from the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine
18. Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART) participants include:
  - University of Florida IFAS (Extension Service)
  - University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine
  - Southeast Region Humane Society of the United States
  - USDA/Veterinary Services
  - USDA/ Farm Service Agency
  - Florida Animal Control Association
  - Florida Cattlemen's Association
  - Florida Veterinary Medical Association

Unmet Needs:

1. Generators needed
2. EMAC request (9/6/04) for fourteen Animal Control Officers with vehicles and equipment partially filled

Future Operations:

1. Push supplies to staging areas
2. Assess flooding issues
3. Monitor Hurricane Ivan, update information for animal evacuation
4. Personnel evacuation tentatively set for Saturday morning

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

<http://www.fema.gov/about/process/>

**The Disaster Assistance Process for Individuals**

**Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals & Households Program**

-  [English](#) (PDF 2.2 MB)
-  [English - Text Version](#) (TXT 46 KB)

**Call to Apply for Assistance 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The speech or hearing impaired may call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585.**

- For use ONLY by people in designated federal disaster areas.

- Be prepared to give your Social Security number, describe your losses, provide financial information, and give directions to the damaged property.
- [What You Can Do If You're Having Trouble Getting Through](#)

**The information you provide is put into the computer**

- You are now in the system
- The recovery process begins

**Call us if you have Questions 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The speech or hearing impaired may call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585.**

- Refer to the application number the registrars gave you when you applied.

**Making an optional visit to a Disaster Recovery Center to receive more information after you have registered by phone**

- Here you will find local, state, federal, and voluntary agencies that may be able to assist you

**Inspector will call to schedule an appointment.**

- There is NO FEE for the inspection.
- Inspectors will set up an appointment to visit your property within a few days of application.
- Inspectors are contractors; they are not FEMA employees, but they will have FEMA ID.

**Inspector will visit damaged property.**

- Be present for your scheduled appointment.
- They will inspect the damage, verify ownership and occupancy, and make a report. Inspectors do not determine eligibility.
- If eligible, you will receive a housing assistance check within 7-10 days.

**If eligible, housing assistance check will arrive.**

- Money may be spent for housing needs.

**Packet will arrive in mail.**

- There may be an SBA application enclosed.
- You **MUST** fill out and return this to be eligible for any further assistance.
- Refer to SBA home page for more information. ([www.sba.gov/disaster/](http://www.sba.gov/disaster/))

**To reduce future loss, consider taking steps to rebuild safer and smarter.**

- Take measures to reduce losses in the future.

- Encourage community to participate in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Consider buying flood insurance.

**Call the FEMA Fraud Hotline if you suspect someone is filing false damage claims**

- **1-800-323-8603**
- Make sure disaster aid goes to those who deserve it.
- It is a violation of Federal law to file a false claim.

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**BULLETIN**

REMNANTS OF FRANCES  
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL  
11 AM EDT THR SEP 09 2004  
FORECASTER HALBACH

PUBLIC ADVISORY NUMBER 63 FOR REMNANTS OF FRANCES  
NWS...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL PREDICTION CENTER...CAMP SPRINGS MD

...REMNANTS OF FRANCES TRACKING ACROSS THE LOWER GREAT LAKES...

FLASH FLOOD WATCHES CONTINUE FOR CENTRAL NEW YORK...NEW HAMPSHIRE...NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA...AND PARTS OF CONNECTICUT.

AT 11 AM EDT...15Z...THE REMNANTS OF FRANCES WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 43.3 NORTH LONGITUDE 77.1 WEST OR 33 MILES NORTHEAST OF ROCHESTER NEW YORK. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE 20 MPH WITH SOME HIGHER GUSTS. MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE IS 1002 MB OR 29.59 INCHES. FRANCES IS MOVING NORTHEASTWARD AT APPROXIMATELY 28 MPH. ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1-2 INCHES WITH ISOLATED HEAVIER AMOUNTS CAN BE EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 12 TO 18 HOURS OVER THE NORTHERN MID-ATLANTIC REGION INTO NEW ENGLAND.

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**NCBA helps Florida's cattlemen in aftermath of hard-hitting hurricanes**

September 7, 2004

NCBA Media Release

[http://www.beef.org/dsp/dsp\\_content.cfm?locationId=45&contentType=2&contentId=2782](http://www.beef.org/dsp/dsp_content.cfm?locationId=45&contentType=2&contentId=2782)

DENVER - In the aftermath of Hurricane Charley's devastating blow to Florida, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) began working with the Florida Cattlemen's Association to coordinate relief efforts from across the nation. Approximately 65 percent of Florida's cattle-producing areas were affected by the hurricane. Hurricanes Charley and Frances have caused extensive damage to six of the largest livestock markets in the state. Excessive rain is causing cattlemen to move their

herds to a limited supply of high ground. The need for help among agricultural producers there, cattlemen in particular, is urgent.

"Hurricane Charley hit as our Summer Conference was coming to a close and a lot of states wanted to know what they could do," said Jim McAdams, NCBA's president elect. "Hurricane Frances certainly has increased the amount of rebuilding that needs to be done. We talked with Jim Handley of the Florida Cattlemen's Association and agreed to coordinate national relief efforts through our office. As is usually the case when disaster strikes, cattlemen come to the help of their friends and neighbors -- even when they're on the other side of the country."

"As you are probably aware by now, none of this effort is wasted," said Ashby Green, a Florida cattleman and NCBA member. Green also is the chief of Animal Disease Control for the Florida Department of Agriculture. "Everyone has been so cooperative and helpful in this effort, and NCBA will be especially remembered for 'cattlemen helping cattlemen.' You all make me so proud to be a NCBA member! It makes it all the more special to be able to call you friends."

In Washington, D.C., NCBA's dues-funded policy staff is working with the Florida legislative delegation to identify the kinds of disaster relief that are available, including emergency funding to help remove debris and rebuild fences. Congress is expected to take up the issue of appropriating funds for USDA relief efforts when it reconvenes after Labor Day.

"NCBA forwarded to the Florida Cattlemen's Association a list of disaster counties and the appropriate local Farm Service Agency contacts in Florida so producers can get USDA help," said Colin Woodall, manager of legislative affairs for NCBA. "USDA confirmed that the two disaster relief programs that Florida cattlemen would qualify for are the Emergency Conservation Program and the Emergency Loan Program." On Aug. 27, President Bush instructed USDA "to use existing authorities and resources to assist growers impacted by Hurricane Charley in their cleanup efforts and to compensate them for lost crops and trees." It is likely that help will have to be increased to include those hit by Hurricane Frances, and the President has called for increased aid to Florida.

"We are certainly grateful for the aid we've received already and thankful that the NCBA has been there to help us, not just with the needed supplies but in Washington, D.C.," said Jim Handley, executive vice president of the Florida Cattlemen's Association. "The support we have received is a testament to the friendships we have built through our national organization."

Handley said that the first need is to secure perimeter fencing to stop cattle from wandering across highways. The hurricanes hit just as Florida's cow-calf producers get ready to start shipping their calves to feedlots, a season that continues through October. "Our state relies heavily on calves coming out of Florida to keep our industry strong and as one of the larger affiliates of NCBA, we felt like it was not only our desire but responsibility to reach out to those in our industry in a time of need," said Dee Likes, executive director of the Kansas Livestock Association. "The relationships we have

between our state offices and our national office are critical, and helping out in times of need reinforces our commitment to those partnerships.

"I will never forget when we had a similar situation in our state brought on by the prolonged drought. Our producers were desperate for help and in the mail I got a check from the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. It really knocked me back -- the meaning of getting this money from another state affiliate that I knew didn't have money to spare. That is what our industry and our association network is about," said Likes. To help get some of those cattle out of Florida and to the feeding states, Priefert Ranch Equipment of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, has loaned one truckload of panels and gates to the Florida Cattlemen for use through December.

Contributors through the end of August include:

Fence Material - The NCBA states in Region II -- North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana -- sent a load of fencing material, including 3,000 metal T-posts and 520 rolls of barbed wire. Marion and Alachua County Cattlemen's Associations sent a gooseneck load of material on Aug. 23.

Cash Donations - Kansas Livestock Association; Louisiana Beef Industry Council; District #9 Da-Ko-Tah Cattlemen, Wildrose, North Dakota; Ohio Cattlemen's Association; Oregon Cattlemen's Association; Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Wenger Farms, Myerstown, Pa.

Cattle Handling Equipment - Priefert Ranch Equipment, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, a truckload of panels and gates on loan through December.