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### Drought Resource Information

#### Hotline

1-866-506-6222

#### Web Resources

[www.ncagr.com/hayalert](http://www.ncagr.com/hayalert)

[www.ncagr.com/drought](http://www.ncagr.com/drought)

[www.ces.ncsu.edu/disaster/drought](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/disaster/drought)

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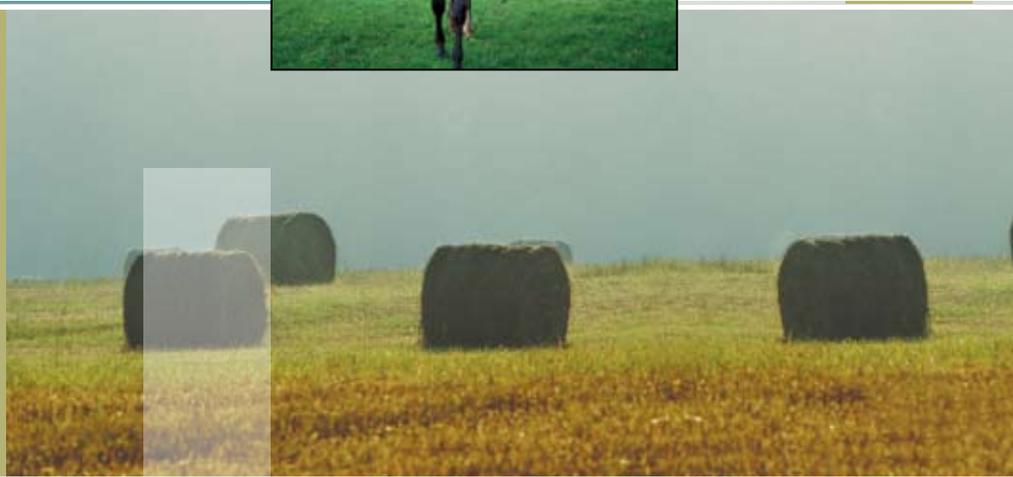
## Partners Drought Assistance Program

## Partners Needed





## Drought Depletes Hay Supplies



### Become a Partner and Help Avert a Crisis

These programs will be available as long as funds last, which is why we need your help. As a partner, you can provide important financial support to our agricultural community. Your tax-deductible gift will help prevent livestock producers from leaving the business. It will also help the state avert a potential animal welfare crisis.

Please consider making a contribution and becoming a partner with North Carolina's agricultural community.

The 2007 drought has caused a widespread agricultural disaster that North Carolina hasn't experienced since Hurricane Floyd. It has devastated crops and depleted hay supplies across the state. Producers of cattle, horses, sheep and goats desperately need hay, but the cost of buying and transporting it to their farms continues to rise. You can help farmers and horse owners cope with these costs by becoming an Ag or Equine Partner.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and N.C. Cooperative Extension have collaborated with a number of organizations to create the Ag Partners and Equine Partners hay relief programs, which aim to help livestock owners defray some of the cost of transporting hay from outside North Carolina.

The Ag Partners Hay Relief Program focuses on helping owners of cattle, sheep and goats, while the Equine Partners Hay Relief Program helps owners of horses and other equine. Both programs will reimburse applicants for transportation costs at a rate of \$1 per loaded mile, up to \$300, on a first-come, first-served basis. Farms, stables and animal rescue groups are eligible to take part in the program.



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Make checks payable to  
*2007 Ag Partners Hay Relief Program* or  
*2007 Equine Partners Hay Relief Program*  
and mail to:  
N.C. Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services  
Attn: Chrissy Lucas  
1001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1001

If you have questions about contributing to these programs, contact Chrissy Lucas at (919) 733-7125, ext. 255.

For more information about how the programs work, log on to [www.ncagr.com/HayAlert](http://www.ncagr.com/HayAlert) or call 1-866-506-6222 toll-free.