

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For immediate release--Hay-lift to Louisiana scheduled for Monday, January 16**

NORFOLK, Neb. (January 13, 2006) Orphan Grain Train volunteer disaster coordinator, Bernie Wrede, Pierce, Neb., announced today that 10 semi-loads of hay have been scheduled to depart Nebraska next Monday, January 16. Of the 170,000 beef cattle in south Louisiana, 50,000 perished in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. One hundred and twenty thousand cattle are short of hay this winter because of hay supplies destroyed by hurricane salt water.

The ten loads will depart Monday from the following locations: Arcadia, Cambridge, Elk Creek, Kearney, Loomis, Pierce, West Point, and Wilsonville, Nebraska; and also Norton, Kansas. Cash donations from hay producers in Marcus, Iowa, and a grant from LCMS World Relief are also making this hay-lift possible. The hay will be shipped to Abbeville, Louisiana, and distributed by the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association during the week of January 16.

Orphan Grain Train, based in Norfolk, Neb., is seeking donations of semi-load quantities of prairie or alfalfa hay from ranchers and farmers in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. The effort is also requesting flatbed or drop-deck semi rigs and volunteer drivers willing to join the convoy. Orphan Grain Train will supply freight. Please contact Wrede at (402) 649-0661 or Aaron Walter at the Orphan Grain Train Relief Hotline: (402) 371-9313. Part-loads or full-loads will be coordinated through this office. Large square bales are preferred, but large round bales will also work.

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