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## **Fire Relief Meetings for Producers Affected by Wildfires**

### **Scheduled for Next Week in Buffalo and Beaver**

Fire relief meetings will be held next week in Beaver and Buffalo for producers who have been affected by the recent wildfires. The meetings will be hosted by the Farm Service Agency and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation.

"We encourage all producers affected to attend the meetings in order to learn about all of the opportunities for assistance in the recovery process," said Jeff Jaronek, Coordinator of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation.

The meeting in Buffalo, Okla. is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 20 at the Harper County Fairgrounds. The meeting in Beaver, Okla. is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 24 at the Beaver County Fairgrounds.

Topics covered will include: How producers apply and become eligible for disaster assistance; Information about federal programs that producers will be eligible for relative to the wildfire; Fire ant regulation update; and how to apply for the available funds through the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation.

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation (OCF), is a charitable arm of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. The relief fund was established to help ranchers who have been affected by the recent wildfires in northwest Oklahoma.

"We will coordinate with the Extension offices in each county to organize relief efforts in the area and to identify ranchers that are in need," said Jaronek.

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