



Dear American Dairy Goat Association Members,

We are deeply saddened by the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene for our ADGA employees and members in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Our thoughts and prayers are with our employees and members as they ensure the safety of their families, homes, and animals during this difficult time. We want you to know that our community is here to support you.

The overwhelming support from our members on social media, personal texts, and calls demonstrates the strength of our goat community. We have received inquiries from members who want to help, and we would like to share some reputable resources for members to connect with to provide support.

Locally, the United Way of Rutherford is collecting financial donations to assist with the relief efforts. Rutherford County is home to our American Dairy Goat Association office and several employees live in and around Spindale. Thankfully, all our employees are safe and have begun returning to work. Fortunately, the extent of personal property damages for our employees is minor.

On a broader scale, several states' Extension systems and governments are coordinating efforts to assist livestock producers. If you can provide support or if you are a member affected by the hurricane, please consider utilizing the following resources:

- [NC State Hay & Livestock Assistance Form](#)
- [UT Institute of Agriculture](#)
- [Georgia Hurricane Response: Helene](#)
- [Clemson University Hurricane Helene Resources](#)

The ADGA Office and the Board of Directors will continue to seek ways to connect members to resources that support them during times of need, including natural disasters.

Once again, we are grateful for the support of our members as this region continues to recover from this catastrophic event. We send our sincerest thoughts to Florida as they prepare for another storm.

Best regards,

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