

Estill County helps Nebraska flood victims

From Eric Baker

Nebraska grain farmers and livestock producers are still recovering from March flooding that left the agriculture community with over a billion dollars of damage. Kentucky farmers understand what they're going through, and they are rose to the occasion to send aid through the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, local county Cattlemen Associations, and other agriculture agencies.

Tierney Storage of Frankfort donated warehouse, space, tractor, and a forklift. Peaks Mill Christian Church contributed \$2,000, and the Franklin County Conservation Office let Extension use their plastic wrapper and donated plastic to shrink wrap the hay bales. Franklin County 4-H and FFA

helped to inventory all contributions.

Trucks rolled out of Frankfort April 26th on the 12- to 14-hour drive to Nance County, Nebraska. Kentucky sent eleven semi loads of hay and a large box truck full of fencing and various relief supplies.

Estill County contributed to the relief effort which was coordinated by the Estill County Cattlemen's Association, Estill County Cooperative Extension, and Estill County FFA Chapter. The Estill County Fair Association were gracious to let us use their livestock pavilion to collect donations April 23rd. Estill County Cattlemen's Association member Gary McKinney volunteered to haul the donations to Frankfort in his covered cattle trailer.

After all donations were collected, Estill

County farmers and friends donated 20 rolls of barbwire, 200 steel t-posts, feed, tarps, cleaning supplies, baby diapers, mops, buckets, non-perishable food, water, and various other relief items. We estimate collected donations exceeded \$3,500 in value.

We appreciate everyone who helped in any way with this relief effort. Our community showed kindness and generosity toward Nebraska farm families. Great effort, Estill County!

