

Texas AgriLife Extension Service SITREPs reported to the State Operation Center September 10 – 29, 2008

Hurricane Ike made landfall near Galveston on Saturday morning September 13, 2008 with 100+mph winds and 20' wall surge of water reaching some 20 miles inland.

Sept 10, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across the Gulf Coast region and inland evacuation hubs have been activated as follows: 2 Extension specialist at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for housing of 30 Texas Youth Commission employees who have evacuated Gulf Coast facilities to their Brownwood facility; 60 Extension agents to support GDEM with public information and education regarding pre storm preparedness and State evacuation and sheltering plans; 25 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 32 Extension agents to assess pre-storm crop harvest, yield, and conditions to create a benchmark for post hurricane damage assessments; 10 Extension specialists to prepare for liaison services at the SOC. Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>

Sept 11, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across the Gulf Coast region and inland evacuation hubs have been activated as follows: 41 Extension agents to assess pre-storm crop harvest, yield, and conditions to create a benchmark for post hurricane damage assessments; 75 Extension agents to support GDEM with public information and education regarding pre storm preparedness and State evacuation and sheltering plans; 45 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties 12 Extension specialists to prepare for liaison services at the SOC; The agency's headquarters operation center is fully activated with 24 Extension management personnel; 2 Extension specialists at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for housing of 30 Texas Youth Commission employees who have evacuated Gulf Coast facilities to their Brownwood facility.

Sept 12, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across 110 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows:

135 Extension agents to support GDEM by preparing public information and education regarding post storm recovery outreach through local jurisdiction service centers; 72 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 15 Extension specialists and agents to prepare for liaison services at the SOC; 3 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Houston, Corpus Christi and Bryan; The agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 32 Extension management personnel; 2 Extension specialists at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for housing of 30 Texas Youth Commission employees who have evacuated Gulf Coast facilities to their Brownwood facility; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

Sept 13, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

24 hr period of this report: 12:00pm 12Sep08 to 12:00pm 12Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across 121 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows: 86 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists have been activated to support GDEM public information and

education via print and electronic media; 61 Extension agents to support GDEM with public information and education regarding State evacuation and sheltering plans; 12 Extension specialists on Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods; 15 Extension specialists and county Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; 3 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Houston, Corpus Christi and Bryan; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 29 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; 2 Extension specialists at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for housing of 30 Texas Youth Commission employees who have evacuated Gulf Coast facilities to their Brownwood facility; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

Sept 16, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

24 hr period of this report: 12:00pm 13Sep08 to 12:00pm 14Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows: 48 AgriLife Extension agents in East Texas to assess damages to support USDA County Emergency Boards and County Judges who initiate USDA disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; 74 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 61 Extension agents to support GDEM with public information and education regarding State evacuation and sheltering plans; 14 Extension specialists on Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods; 14 Extension specialists and county Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; 5 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Houston, Corpus Christi and Bryan; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; **deactivation** of 2 Extension specialists at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service State 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for housing of 30 Texas Youth Commission employees who have evacuated Gulf Coast facilities to their Brownwood facility; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 16, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

24 hr period of this report: 12:00pm 15Sep08 to 12:00pm 16Sep08

To address the production agriculture emergency concerns Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of 5 AgriLife Extension agents and one Extension beef cattle specialist to stand up and operate a horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses; the agency has established and provided leadership to a 41 member Operation No Fences Working Group comprised of agricultural industry, government, and educational organizations across the state for coordination and control actions in support of this the horse and cattle relief effort; the agency has also deployed an (1) additional Extension beef cattle specialist for scientific and technical animal health and handling coordination and control at the Beaumont DDC; 48 AgriLife Extension agents in East Texas are activated to assess damages to support USDA County Emergency Boards and County Judges who initiate USDA disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; 12 Extension beef cattle specialists, ag engineering specialists, range and wildlife specialist and agricultural economists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods;

Additional AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows; 74 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 81 Extension agents to support GDEM with family health,

food and water safety, hygiene, home damage response, consumer fraud, public assistance information and education regarding local, state and federal assistance; 14 Extension specialists and AgriLife Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; 2 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Beaumont and Bryan; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 17, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE
24 hr period of this report: 12:00pm 16Sep08 to 12:00pm 17Sep08

To address the production agriculture emergency concerns, as well as the potential threats to human health and safety and environmental impacts from increased numbers of livestock carcasses as requested by local officials, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of 5 AgriLife Extension agents and one Extension beef cattle specialist to stand up and operate a horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses; To date, there have been in excess of 300 bales of hay, 80 watering troughs, two water trucks, 300 livestock panels, and equipment to operate the staging area delivered to Chambers County; the agency has established and provided leadership to a 41 member Operation No Fences Working Group comprised of agricultural industry, government, and educational organizations across the state for coordination and control actions in support of this the horse and cattle relief effort; the agency has also deployed an (1) additional Extension beef cattle specialist for scientific and technical animal health and handling coordination and control at the Beaumont DDC; 48 AgriLife Extension agents in East Texas are activated to assess damages to support USDA County Emergency Boards and County Judges who initiate USDA disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; 12 Extension beef cattle specialists, ag engineering specialists, range and wildlife specialist and agricultural economists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods.

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Sept 18, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE
24 hr period of this report: 12:00pm 16Sep08 to 12:00pm 17Sep08

To address the production agriculture emergency concerns, as well as the potential threats to human health and safety and environmental impacts from increased numbers of livestock carcasses as requested by local officials, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of 5 AgriLife Extension agents and one Extension beef cattle specialist, one(1) Regional Director and one(1) Associate Director to stand up and operate a horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses; To date, there have been in excess of 700 bales of hay, 100 watering troughs, two water trucks, 300

livestock panels, and equipment to operate the staging area delivered to Chambers County; the agency has established and provided leadership to a 41 member Operation No Fences Working Group comprised of agricultural industry, government, and educational organizations across the state for coordination and control actions in support of this the horse and cattle relief effort; the agency has also deployed an (1) additional Extension beef cattle specialist for scientific and technical animal health and handling coordination and control at the Beaumont DDC; 48 AgriLife Extension agents in East Texas are activated to assess damages to support USDA County Emergency Boards and County Judges who initiate USDA disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; 12 Extension beef cattle specialists, ag engineering specialists, range and wildlife specialist and agricultural economists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to address agricultural producer and local jurisdiction needs regarding animal care and feeding on farms and ranches following the storm and proper carcass disposal methods.

Additional AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows; 74 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties; 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 81 Extension agents to support GDEM with family health, food and water safety, hygiene, home damage response, consumer fraud, public assistance information and education regarding local, state and federal assistance; 14 Extension specialists and AgriLife Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; 2 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Beaumont and Bryan; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 21, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 19Sep08 to 12:00pm 21Sep08

To address the production agriculture emergency concerns, as well as the potential threats to human health and safety and environmental impacts from increased numbers of livestock carcasses as requested by local officials, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents and one Extension beef cattle specialist, one(1) Regional Director and one(1) Associate Director to stand up and operate a horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses; To date, there have been in excess of 2,500 bales of hay, 200 watering troughs, three water trucks, 300 livestock panels, and equipment to operate the staging area delivered to Chambers County; the agency has also stood up an RSA at Orange (staffed by Texas Department of Agriculture personnel) and one at Galveston (staffed by AgriLife Extension personnel) to assist producers in those areas. The agency has established and provided leadership to a 41 member Operation No Fences Working Group comprised of agricultural industry, government, and educational organizations across the state for coordination and control actions in support of this the horse and cattle relief effort, this group continues to meet via teleconference on a frequent basis

Additional AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows: 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 81 Extension agents to support GDEM with family health, food and water safety, hygiene, home damage response, consumer fraud, public assistance information and education regarding local, state and federal assistance; 14 Extension specialists and AgriLife Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC; 2 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Beaumont and Bryan; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 23, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 21Sep08 to 12:00pm 23Sep08

To address the production agriculture emergency concerns, as well as the potential threats to human health and safety and environmental impacts from increased numbers of livestock carcasses as requested by local officials, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has deployed a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents on 15Sept08 (corrected date) to continue operation of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences: Hurricane Ike Horse and Cattle Relief" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. This team and facility is receiving and distributing feed, hay, water and other resources to relieve Chambers, Liberty and Jefferson County livestock producers in need of care for stranded livestock and horses. To date, there have been in excess of 3,500 bales of hay, 200 watering troughs, three water trucks, 300 livestock panels, and equipment serving the expressed needs of local jurisdictions in Chambers, Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Galveston and Harris counties; the agency has also stood up an AgPOD at Orange (staffed by Texas Department of Agriculture and AgriLife Extension personnel) and another AgPOD at Galveston (staffed by AgriLife Extension personnel) to assist producers in those areas, approximately 400 round bales of hay have been diverted to these AgPODs.

A total of 6 trucks have been dispatched from the SOC to help with evacuation of cattle from the areas. **The following staff demobilized on 20Sept.08: Six(6) County Extension Agents, one(1) Extension beef cattle specialist, one(1) Regional Director and one(1) Associate Director.**

Additional AgriLife Extension Service agents across 74 Gulf Coast and inland evacuation hub counties have been activated as follows: 74 Extension agents to support animal care and sheltering across sheltering hub counties **All have demobilized as of 19Setp.08**; 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 18 Extension agents, **63 Agents have Demobilized**, to support GDEM with family health, food and water safety, hygiene, home damage response, consumer fraud, public assistance information and education regarding local, state and federal assistance; 2 Extension specialists and AgriLife Extension agents for agency liaison services at the SOC, **12 have been demobilized; 2 Extension district and regional managers for agency liaison services at the DDCs in Beaumont and Bryan have demobilized**; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 23, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 21Sep08 to 12:00pm 23Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service deployed a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents on 15Sept08 (this is a corrected date) to continue operation of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency has also stood up AgPOD in Orange and Galveston on Saturday September 20 and staffed each AgPOD with one (1) AgriLife Extension agent/staff . The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has activated 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 18 local Extension agents in local jurisdictions, 1 AgriLife Extension specialist serves agency liaison services at the SOC, the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

22Sep08 demobilization:

1 of 2 AgriLife Extension specialists serving as agency liaison at the SOC has been demobilized.

Sept 24, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 23Sep08 to 12:00pm 24Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service deployed a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents on 15Sept08 to continue operation of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency continues to operate an AgPOD in Galveston county staffed with one (1) AgriLife Extension agent/staff. The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has sustained the activation 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams are activated to support 18 local Extension agents in local jurisdictions, 1 AgriLife Extension specialist serves agency liaison services at the SOC, the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

22Sep08 demobilization:

1 of 2 AgriLife Extension agent/staff was demobilized at the Orange county AgPOD.

Sept 25, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 24Sep08 to 12:00pm 25Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service deployed a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents on 15Sept08 to continue operation of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) for "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has sustained the activation 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; 1 AgriLife Extension specialist serves agency liaison services at the SOC, the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

24Sep08 demobilization:

- Demobilized 1 AgriLife Extension agent/staff at the AgPOD in Galveston county.
- Demobilized 17 Extension family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth specialists serving on the agency's Incident Resource Teams supporting GDEM public information and education in local jurisdictions
- Demobilized 18 local Extension agents supporting GDEM public information and education in local jurisdictions
- Demobilized 6 AgriLife Communications personnel in College Station for printing and distribution of recovery educational materials

Sept 26, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 25Sep08 to 12:00pm 26Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service activated 41 AgriLife Extension agents in Southeast and East Texas to assess agricultural damages supporting the County Emergency Board of USDA-FSA for agricultural disaster declaration by submitting damage assessments to County Judges and the Governor prior to submission to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (**CORRECTION-this activation should have been included in previously submitted SITREPs-actual activation began Aug 15 and continued through Aug 22**); the agency continues activation of a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents for operations and management of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) called "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has activated 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to

assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

26Sep08 demobilization:

- Demobilized (Noon Friday 26Sep08) 1 AgriLife Extension specialist serves as agency liaison at the SOC.

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

Period of this report: 12:00pm 26Sep08 to 12:00pm 27Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service continues activation of a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents for operations and management of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) called "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has activated 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .

Sept 29, 2008

SITREP - Resources Committed to Hurricane IKE

48hr period of this report: 12:00pm 27Sep08 to 12:00pm 29Sep08

Texas AgriLife Extension Service continues activation of a team of 6 AgriLife Extension agents for operations and management of the horse and livestock feed Resource Staging Area (RSA) called "Operation No Fences" near Anahuac, Texas in Chambers County. The agency's associate director for agriculture and natural resources has activated 28 Extension specialists serving on Incident Resource Teams to assess, research and apply knowledge based solutions to the agricultural soil, livestock, crops and water situations brought by Hurricane Ike.

Additional 4 AgriLife Communications news network specialists are activated to support GDEM public information and education via print and electronic media; the agency's Headquarters Operation Center (HOC) is fully activated with 31 Extension management personnel; Public household and farmstead mitigation and recovery information are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu> .