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Baton Rouge, La. -- The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) continues to coordinate efforts with the Louisiana Air National Guard to drop hay to stranded cattle in Plaquemines Parish. On Friday, LDAF delivered 53 round bales of hay by truck. The hay was donated by the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. LDAF is also supplying portable corral panels and water troughs.

Our work is not finished as we are now in the recovery phase of this storm. We will continue to assist Louisiana residents in getting their lives back to normal as soon as possible. Right now, we're trying to ensure that the stranded livestock are safely returned to their owners, said Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M.

LDAF is in communication with Louisiana Search and Rescue Teams (LSART) and other national humane groups that are working with local animal control to conduct search and rescue efforts for pets. LSART, now the largest team working on this mission, is at the forefront.