



SONOMA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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North Bay Wildfires: How to Help the Agricultural Community

Santa Rosa, CA - Sonoma County Farm Bureau is committed to assisting our rural neighbors through this difficult time. Efforts to support our agricultural community within Sonoma County will be an ongoing long-term project. As we continue to evaluate the needs for our ag community, we will respond to additional needs as they arise. Here's how you can assist our local agricultural community right now:

Livestock Relief

Sonoma County Farm Bureau is coordinating donations of feed and supplies for livestock and horses. The Farm Bureau office has secured a storage yard and is in the process of gathering feed and hay for distribution to affected farmers throughout the county. Sonoma County Farm Bureau is seeking donations of feed from our community. If you cannot donate feed, monetary donations will be accepted to assist with livestock relief efforts. If you or a livestock/horse owner you know has been affected by recent wildfires, please call 707-544-5575 or email Emily@sonomafb.org for assistance.

[Make a Monetary Donation to Livestock Relief Efforts](#)

[More information](#)

Ag Worker Fund

The Sonoma County Grape Growers Foundation is partnering with the Sonoma County Farm Bureau to establish a housing recovery fund for ag workers and their families who were displaced from their homes by last week's devastating fires. The fund will serve to assist ag workers who lost their homes in the fires by helping to fund the re-establishment of new households. For anyone interested in contributing to the housing fund, visit: www.scggf.org to make a contribution. SCGGF is a 501(c)(3) organization. If you or an employee was affected by the recent wildfires, please email info@sonomawinegrape.org with your contact information so they may reach out to you to provide support.

[Contribute to Agricultural Workers Impacted by Wildfires](#)

[More information](#)



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Buy Local and Encourage Tourism

As we all know, supporting Sonoma County is critical right now. There's an easy way to help and chances are you've already been doing it. Whether it's drinking Sonoma County wine or eating Sonoma County cheese, purchasing any local commodity will help our community.

Above all, encourage others to visit Sonoma County. Despite the recent devastating effects, Sonoma County is still here and our tourist infrastructure is intact. As we start to rebuild pieces of our community, it is crucial that we all serve as ambassadors to the beautiful place we call home.

Support our community by supporting the local food system: buy local!

Stay Up To Date

To stay up to date on how the fires have affected the Sonoma County agriculture community, follow Sonoma County Farm Bureau on Facebook (facebook.com/SonomaCountyFarmBureau) or Twitter (@sonomafb).

About Sonoma County Farm Bureau

Sonoma County Farm Bureau, a non-profit grassroots organization, was founded in 1917 and has been representing the interests of farmers and land owners in Sonoma County for 100 years. Sonoma County Farm Bureau is a membership driven organization dedicated to protecting and progressing agriculture in Sonoma County.