

Mississippi State Agriculture Sit-Rep
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ESF -17

Situation Report 09/22/05

CURRENT OPERATIONS:

1. The MS Animal Disaster Hotline is still operating and the number is 1-888-722-3106.
2. The Incident Commander is Ronnie White. Deputy Commander is Bill Gentry.
3. The North Carolina IMT is supporting the Mississippi IMT.
4. Personnel involved in the incident management include:

Command	6
Ops/Animal Feed Procurement, Staging & Distribution	8
Ops/Veterinary Emergency Treatment Services	45
Planning	9 (includes extension agents)
Logistics	2
HSUS	<u>72</u>
	142

5. The hurricane response continues to be in the recovery phase.
6. The primary operation continues to be procurement/distribution of supplies and small animal sheltering and care issues. The IMT is planning for reduction in these activities as resources become more available and needs are less.
7. The staging area sent out 3 loads of supplies to rural distribution points in Stone and Harrison Counties. There are still 10 established distribution centers identified by MS Extension Service:

Counties	Contact
Jones	County Fairgrounds/County Extension Office
Stone	County Multi-purpose Building
Harrison	Harrison County Fairgrounds
George	County Extension Office
Pearl River	County Maintenance Barn
Hancock	Jingle Animal Clinic-Long Beach
Green	County Extension Office
Perry	County Extension Office
Jackson	County Extension Office
Forrest	Seed Farm Supply Dealers
Jackson	Mounted Police-Sheriff

8. VMAT-3 is still covering Hattiesburg and the coastal areas, assisting veterinarians in returning to business, supporting HSUS, and treating displaced animals. For the operational period for 09/21/05, 59 animals were seen by VMAT-3. The number of animals seen to date by VMAT-3 members is 2,295.

VMAT-3 will be partially demobilizing on Saturday 9/24/05. VMAT-3 will maintain a 9 person strike team to continue medical support of the Hattiesburg and Waveland facilities.

9. Small animal shelter issues continue to be coordinated by HSUS and EARS.

10. A list of the current operational animal facilities follows:

ESF-17 Animal Facilities

- A. Mississippi State Fairgrounds
1207 Mississippi Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39202
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations:
 - Pet-Friendly Shelter
 - Equine Sheltering
 - Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving

- B. Forrest County Multipurpose Complex
962 Sullivan Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Building C Rescued Animals
Building D Pet Friendly Shelter
Building D Pet Supply Receiving and Distribution
Barn E Livestock Feed, Hay, Fencing Material
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations:
 - Veterinary Care
 - Pet-Friendly Sheltering
 - Equine Sheltering
 - Rescued Animal Sheltering
 - Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving
 - Animal Reunion

- C. Humane Society of Southern Mississippi
SW corner of 27th St S & Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS 39501
Hours of Operation 8AM – 6PM
Operations:
 - Veterinary Care
 - Rescued Animal Sheltering
 - Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving

- D. Hancock County Animal Compound
Temporarily ceasing operations due to Hurricane Rita.

Approximately 40 animals will be moved to Hattiesburg facility on 9/22/05 in anticipation of Hurricane Rita impact possibilities.

Waveland Fairgrounds Farmers Market

Longfellow Rd. Behind Old Hancock Human Resources Center

Operations

Veterinary Care

Rescued Animal Sheltering

Pet Supply Pick up and Receiving

11. The number of animals seen through 09/22/05 by HSUS follows:

Total Processed 09/05-09/22: 1,418

Currently sheltered at the Hattiesburg facility: 840 including dogs, cats, horses and others

“Others” Includes:

Iguana Pigeons

Fish Rabbits

Pot-bellied pigs Pigs

Goose

**There have been 108 animals returned to their owners with 23 returned on 9/21/05
170 Hattiesburg shelter animals were airlifted to Missouri.**

UNMET NEEDS:

Primary procurement needs continue to be hay, horse/cattle feed, and fencing

Transportation of hay and fencing materials from other states.

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

Continue to update hotline script as changes in organization occur

Direct supplies to local counties without alternative supply sources

Continue veterinary support until local veterinarians can resume business

Identify additional large animal supply sources

Begin reducing Hattiesburg base operations

Relocation of animals from Waveland facility to Hattiesburg

Continue to monitor progress of Hurricane Rita and preparation for potential impact on operations.