



Sheyenne James Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

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“FARM RESCUE 2009”



The Sheyenne James RC&D Council continues to provide financial and technical assistance to the Farm Rescue Project. Farm Rescue is a one of a kind non profit organization headquartered out of Jamestown ND that provides up to 1,000 acres of free seeding and harvest assistance to family farmers who have suffered a major illness, injury, or natural disaster. The organization has assisted family farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota, eastern Montana and western Minnesota since it was launched in 2005 by founder Bill Gross.

Farm Rescue's dedication to helping family farms, has gotten much media attention. Several donations and volunteers help with the seeding and harvest each year. This has brought attention to the importance of agriculture in our country. Pam Musland, Director of Operations, gave a presentation of the Farm Rescue project at the 2009 Western RC&D Conference in Spearfish, SD. Bill Gross, Farm Rescue Founder, gave a presentation at the 2009 National RC&D Conference in Albuquerque, NM last June.



In 2009 Farm Rescue staff and volunteers assisted 22 farm families with spring seeding and 12 farms with fall harvest. Farm Rescue assisted its 100th family farmer this fall! The success and accomplishments of this program comes from the many dedicated Farm Rescue volunteers.

Farm Rescue in 2010

Farm Rescue will be accepting applications for spring planting assistance from January 1 to March 15, 2010. Donations are appreciated anytime and volunteers will be needed for the coming season. For more information on the Farm Rescue Program, the individuals and their stories, or application information go to www.farmrescue.org, or call 701-252-2017 to talk to the office staff. Thanks to all the individuals who dedicate their time and expertise to make this program a success.



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