



## Media release

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### Farmers collect much-needed hay from QAL

A large number of the region's cattle, horses and sheep have full bellies this week thanks to QAL's recent \$30,000 hay donation.

Last month the refinery called for expressions of interest from interested livestock owners to receive some of the 300 round bales the refinery will generate and donate from its buffer land.

Manager - Health, Safety and Environment, Trent Scherer, said QAL has been inundated with requests from our region's farmers struggling in the drought, with many currently having to buy stock feed full-time.

"It's both heartwarming and heart-breaking; we are thankful to be in a position to donate this hay to local farmers, yet at the same time the need is far greater than what we can provide and these families are really doing it tough."

"We fairly divided our hay up between the 50 people who expressed interest last month, who collectively have 9,668 mouths to feed. With round bales costing around \$100 each, at least we can temporarily boost the back pockets of some of our region's families and help ease the financial pressure that comes with the drought."

QAL held the second hay collection day over the weekend, now with a total of 253 round bales donated to 19 farmers. Another 30 farmers will be supported after a second area of buffer land has its grass cut and baled next month.

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Trucks being loaded



Some of the hungry cattle who received the feed



Local farmers collect a portion of QAL's donated Rhodes grass hay



Sean Sullivan and Anja Urban some of the QAL team behind the hay initiative.



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