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### **TENNESSEE CATTLEMEN'S DONATES FUNDS TO WILDFIRE RELIEF**

**Murfreesboro, TN** – In early March, several wildfires in the Great Plains caused an unfathomable amount of damage to ranch lands and communities. Cattlemen and women in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Colorado lost land, livestock and loved ones as the fires quickly spread out of control. The total amount of land burnt was in the millions of acres and several thousand head of livestock were killed or badly burnt, leaving ranchers with nothing or very little.

The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) is helping in the recovery efforts by offering a donation of \$2,000 to each of the states with the most destruction, for a total of \$6,000.

“The cattle industry is a tight knit community so when we see the images and hear about the devastation of the wildfires we feel like we have to do something,” said Charles Hord, executive vice present of TCA. “Those cattlemen are going through a difficult time and we wanted to do something to help them out.”

TCA was told that those affected ranchers' greatest needs are monetary donations, as well as fencing supplies.

“It could have easily been us in this situation,” said Steve Anderson, President of TCA. “And if it wasn't for these folks, we'd be without business. Most stocker calves grown Tennessee are grazed in the states that were hit hardest by the fires. We have to lend a hand in times of need. It is just the right thing to do.”

TCA is asking that anyone who is interested in donating to this cause to visit [www.beefusa.org](http://www.beefusa.org) which is the National Cattlemen's Beef Association website. They have compiled a list of all the relief efforts and will continually update it as new needs arise.

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*TCA was founded in 1985 and has nearly 7,000 members from across the state and the southeast. The organization works to provide the cattlemen of Tennessee with an organization through which they may function collectively to protect their interests and work toward the*

*solution of cattle industry problems and to build the necessary goodwill that will bring both governmental esteem and recognition to the industry.*

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