

Cattle farmers get help

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Cattle farmers in Western North Carolina can now get help with feed costs from two programs.

The programs help pay the costs of transporting soybean and corn crops to farmers who use it for feed. The Golden Leaf Foundation plans to provide \$500,000 to help pay to get feed to Western North Carolina. Farm Credit Association grants, totaling \$11,000, will help cover the costs of transporting hay from other states. State experts estimate the drought has caused \$80 million in losses of hay, pasture and forage statewide. In order to be eligible for a grant, farmers must apply.