

Helifarmer Program



Rural and regional communities throughout Northern NSW have long been passionate and generous supporters of their communities Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. Their help from the land and ocean ensures we can deliver help from the sky.

Missions are regularly flown providing vital aeromedical support to properties and farms in Northern NSW, for patients requiring urgent medical assistance to treat medical episodes, livestock encounters, falls, burns and accidents involving farm machinery including tractors, trucks and quad bikes. The Service also responds to many motor vehicle accidents on roads throughout Northern NSW.

There are many examples of livestock, crop and produce donations that can assist the Service. Every donation to the Helifarmer Program counts, large or small. You can receive a tax deductible receipt for financial donations made after the sale of your chosen livestock, crop or food produce.

Importantly, you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays local to support the lifesaving operations of your nearest helicopter base in Tamworth, Lismore or Newcastle – keeping our regional communities safe by responding to those most in need 24/7.

To participate, contact your local base on **1800 155 155** or by email to helifarmer@rescuehelicopter.com.au

Here are some examples of how Northern NSW farmers are donating to make a difference...



Tag a Calf

The Service works with local stock and station agents to coordinate charity sales and we provide recognisable charity ear tags so you can show your support in the saleyards.

When ready, you work with your agent to decide if whole or part proceeds of sale are to be donated.

Sales can take place at a dedicated charity sale day, or another sale of your choice.



Grain Donations

Your tax-deductible donation can be made by a **grower-to-grower transfer** in GrainCorp's CropConnect.

From either your ticket or your holdings, click on the transfer button, enter our NGR No. 12650596, and the tonnage you would like to donate.

You can also call us to make a donation through another grain receiver.



Donate a Sheep

Ram sales have long been a popular way to raise funds for the rescue helicopter based in Tamworth with the yellow charity ear tags now well known in the saleyards.

Farmers nominate which sheep and how much of the sale proceeds to donate.

Sales can take place at a dedicated charity sale day, or another sale of your choice.

