

Guidelines

1. Objective

To provide funding assistance to community organisations who coordinate the transport of donated fodder to a central location within NSW for the benefit of three or more primary producers with livestock, in the event of identified need, whether following a natural disaster, or a drought.

2. Assistance Available

The scheme will pay for the costs of transporting donated fodder up to a maximum of \$5 per kilometre (plus GST) to a maximum eligible distance of 1,500 kilometres.

The total program funds are limited to \$500,000 available in each financial year.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- The subsidy on transport of donated fodder is available to community groups who coordinate the transport of donated fodder for the benefit of three or more primary producers, whose property is in an area of identified need, whether as a result of a natural disaster, or a drought.
- Pre-approval for the transport of the donated fodder must be obtained from the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) by the organising community group and the transport operator, with both the organising group and the transport operator agreeing on the amount of fodder to be transported, the number of trips to be completed and the total distance to be travelled.
- The subsidy is payable to the transport operators who transport the donated fodder to a central location within NSW on behalf of the organising community group.
- Payment of any assistance can only occur upon production of tax invoices for expenses incurred. If an ABN is not supplied by the transport operator, the rebate will be reduced by an amount equivalent to the highest tax rate, which is subsequently forwarded to the Australian Taxation Office.
- Claims must be made within three months of the RAA's approval to the transport of the donated fodder.
- As part of the application process, the applicant must agree to relevant details from the proposed application being provided to the regional Rural Financial Counsellor so as to promote coordination of effort.

4. Costs that are not eligible

- Small volumes of fodder (i.e. under one tonne per load).
- Poor quality fodder.
- Transport of donated fodder from donors to individual farmers
- Transport of donated fodder to commercial feedlots and/or feed processors.

5. To apply

- Prior to arranging transport of donated fodder the coordinating community group and the transport operator must obtain approval from the RAA. The Approval Request form can be found at: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport>
- The transport operator is to claim the cost of transporting the fodder directly from the RAA, following completion of the movements. Claim forms can be found at: <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport> and must be submitted to the RAA together with tax invoices and/or receipts for the cartage of the fodder.

Applications and claim forms can be submitted by email, post, or in person. Applications and claim forms that have been emailed can be tracked most efficiently.

Email: rural.assist@raa.nsw.gov.au

Post: Locked Bag 23, Orange NSW 2800

In Person: 161 Kite St, Orange NSW 2800

6. Fraudulent claims

By signing the claim form, you are declaring that the information provided in the application form and supporting documentation is true and accurate. Providing inaccurate, untrue or misleading information may be a breach of criminal law for which serious penalties may apply. If any information provided in an application or supporting documentation is found to be inaccurate, untrue or misleading, legal action may be taken against you, including action to recover the subsidy.