



**The Farming Help charities, ARC-Addington Fund, FCN & RABI, are launching an appeal for funds to help them in their work.**

**The appeal is in conjunction with Farmers Weekly, and has the backing of the NFU, CLA, TFA and NFYFC.**

**The three charities work together as the Farming Help Partnership, providing different but complementary forms of help and support to meet a wide range of needs in the farming community.**

For many in farming, 2007 has been a tough year so far: - low product prices, bad weather and flooding, poor harvest yields, Foot & Mouth Disease, Bluetongue and the prospect of a winter fodder shortage. The Farming Help charities are experiencing very heavy workloads which are anticipated to rise further over the coming months due to movement restrictions, fodder shortages and financial problems exacerbated by recent events.

Although many farmers are facing real hardship, this year has seen a marked upturn in fortunes for some. This initiative is in response to a number of approaches made for an appeal such as the 'send a ton' of earlier years and enables the farming community to help its own. There are two aims: to raise much needed funds for the work of the Farming Help charities, and to raise awareness in the farming community of the help and support that is available.

**Calls for help should be directed to the FCN Helpline on 0845 367 9990 or to RABI on 01865 727888 or ARC-Addington Fund on 024 7669 0587.**

**Donations to the appeal can be made online at [www.justgiving.com/farminghelp](http://www.justgiving.com/farminghelp) or by cheque, made payable to 'Farming Help Appeal' and sent to: Farming Help Appeal, c/o RABI, Shaw House, 27 West Way, Oxford OX2 0QH *Remember there may be tax benefits to businesses who make charitable donations.***

The Farming Help charities (ARC-Addington Fund, FCN and RABI) will channel any donations directly to their work (which in the case of FCN will include the local support groups doing similar work alongside them in certain areas of the country). Please note: to avoid adding to the charities' already increased workload, individual donations may not be acknowledged in writing. RABI will be happy to confirm receipt of appeal donations if they are called on 01865 724931.

General questions relating to the appeal should be directed to Helen Bagwell at FCN on 07801 546859 or [mail@fcn.org.uk](mailto:mail@fcn.org.uk)

**Further information about the charities can be found at [www.farminghelp.org.uk](http://www.farminghelp.org.uk)**

## **Farming Help**

**Confidential help for all in the farming community**

**A partnership between the charities ARC-Addington Fund, FCN and RABI**