



Country Women's Association of NSW

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Constituent Society of the Associated Country Women of the World*

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\$5 million in additional funding for CWA to help drought-affected farmers

Today's announcement by Coles that more than \$5 million is going to the Country Women's Association to assist drought-affected farmers has been welcomed by the CWA of NSW.

"Our farmers, and the communities that support them, are doing it very tough at the moment, but the one bright spot has been the amazing generosity from people right across the nation," said CWA of NSW president Annette Turner.

"The fact Coles is able to donate \$5 million to the CWA nationally – made up of \$2.5 million in customer donations during the month of August and matched by Coles – is a reflection of this generosity and an amazing effort in just one month, with \$1.7 million from NSW.

"This money will allow us to help so many more people with their day-to-day living expenses, and we'd encourage anyone on the land who hasn't looked into one of our grants to do so as soon as they can. We've distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars so far, but we know there's still so many who are eligible for assistance who haven't yet applied."

Grant payments from the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund are up to a maximum of \$3000 per individual applicant and/or household and are available for farming businesses that are drought-affected and reliant on farming as their primary source of income.

The money can be used for the likes of groceries, vehicle maintenance, school expenses, household bills and medical costs.

For application information and criteria related to the drought relief grants go to www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid

People can also donate to the CWA of NSW Disaster Relief Fund, with donations tax deductible and able to be made via the CWA website at <https://cwaofnsw.org.au/donate>

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