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Farmers thank Rex for flood assistance

NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong has welcomed a $200,000 travel fund announced by regional airline Regional Express (Rex), to assist people across NSW affected by the current floods.

Mr Armstrong said the fund is a fantastic contribution and will help connect residents in regional NSW at a time when travelling across the State by road is extremely difficult.

"Rex has shown it is once again willing to give something back to regional NSW and I am sure many will appreciate this generous contribution," Mr Armstrong said.

"After a decade of drought, this extreme weather event has devastated many rural communities of NSW.

"Many farmers are under enormous pressure and are trying to come to terms with massive crop damage and losses – with the heavy rain already wiping $500 million off the $3.2 billion bottom line. "After a decade long drought, this year was shaping up to be the 'crop of a life-time', with the potential to see rural NSW flourish," Mr Armstrong said.

The latest reports from the State Emergency Service confirm many communities across NSW are still isolated by the floodwater, with farm infrastructure damaged, some stock losses and further flood warnings issued for coming days.

"This is an extremely difficult time for many rural communities and individuals around NSW and we thank Rex for its support," Charlie Armstrong concluded.

 Airfare assistance can be applied through the Rex website at
http://www.rex.com.au/Sponsorship/FloodAssistanceRequest.aspx.

 Rex operates flights to 35 destinations across Australia, included areas currently affected by flooding such as Broken Hill, Dubbo, Parkes, Orange, and Wagga Wagga.

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