H e wipes the sweat off his brow and looks out to see what once was his beloved ranch now stands as patches of scorched ground with not an animal in sight. More than 100 years of blood, sweat, tears, and hard work erased in a few seconds by a vicious and ruthless fire.

This is the scene for many ranchers across the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Texas. Vicious wildfires tore through these states in March, claiming the lives of seven people and nearly a million head of cattle. Entire ranches were taken out in a matter of seconds, with nothing left but scorched land.

Among the ranchers was Allen Barby of 76 Ranch in Laverne, Oklahoma, whose family has ranched in the Panhandle since the late 1880s. During the fires, Barby lost some of his herd, with mostly newborn calves being victims. Since then, he has been battling to keep the rest of his cattle alive. He has seen many respiratory problems, as well as eye and hoof problems as cows recovered.

“The entire rebuilding process of finding and vaccinating has been mentally physically, and financially overwhelmimg for my family, as well as our neighbors,” said Kristen Carnam, Allen’s daughter and the fourth generation to operate 76 Ranch.

When the fires were over, ranchers from around the country loaded up as much hay as they could spare and began to truck it to all who needed it. “Barby said.

People from across the nation have trucked hay to the affected areas in hope that they might be bringing a little relief for farmers and ranchers in the area. It will take a while for the sand hills to recover from the fires, Barby said.

If you would like to make a donation to aid those farmers and ranchers affected, you can contact your state Cattlemen’s Association.

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- **2017 AJSA Dates**
  - June 21-24
  - June 28-July 2
  - July 9-15

**2017 National Classic Hotel Headquarters**

**Holiday Inn and Suites**
- 2011 South Airport Rd
- Lincoln, NE
- 402-483-3380

**Cardinal Suites**
- 3600 S 10th St
- Lincoln, NE
- 402-483-3380

**2017 National Classic Overflow Hotels**

**Hampton Inn**
- 202 E 10th St
- Lincoln, NE
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**Wildfires**

By: Michelle Helko
South Central Trustee

---AG Policy Under the New Administration---

President Trump’s Deal With China

Pest and Parasite Prevention

Meet Keanna Smith

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---The Summit---

After seeing the heights of our members last summer with the Ronald McDonald House project, I am also excited to say that The Summit participants will have the opportunity to get involved in a service project during their time at the conference. Details on this project will be coming soon, but the time to get excited is now! Of course, any AJSA event would not be complete without scheduling in time for a little fun. So, now is also the time to start preparing for the Summit Barnyard Olympics and bowling tournament!

Our love for cattle is what unites us. The Summit Leadership Conference provides a unique opportunity for members to connect with friends and learn more about our industry without the burden of caring for our cattle. No, on behalf of the AJSA Board of Trustees, and the R&I Summit group, I am excited to see everyone this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska. As always if you have questions feel free to contact any AJSA Trustee, Emily or message us on Facebook!

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