In the face of uncertainties, from devastating weather events to unpredictable markets, farmers continue on, finding all sorts of ways to bring in their crop. But this year, with the unexpected impacts of COVID-19, farmers are feeling more stress than ever. Farm Rescue gives U.S. farmers the extra hands they need to ensure operations for years to come.

The pandemic has created heavy burdens for many of our nation’s farmers. Silver linings such as the CARES Act, and the expansion and extension of the SPP program have provided much-needed financial relief. A year of wildfires, hurricanes, and storms have made farmers’ jobs even harder. A derecho struck the Midwest in August and that’s an area larger than the entire state of Illinois.

A short window for harvesting means any delay could have significant impact on the supply chain. Restaurant and Food Service Decline, Biofuel Reductions, Limited Labor, Physical and Mental Illness, and Supply Chain Disruptions have made farmers’ jobs even harder.

Farm Rescue has grown from a single crew in 2005, into a small army of volunteers in seven Midwest states. Farm Rescue helps farmers suffering from major illness, injury, or natural disaster to plant, hay or harvest their crop.

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