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**Agriculture and Forestry Continues Response to Isaac**

Baton Rouge, La. - The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry evacuated a total of 195 pets to a shelter in Alexandria and Haughton Wednesday. More than 1,400 people were rescued and/or evacuated from LaPlace in St. John the Baptist Parish as neighborhoods were inundated with torrential rain and flooding ensued.

"Our citizens needed assistance and were very grateful when we arrived with pet cages and trucks to ensure their four-legged loved ones would be cared for just like the rest of their family," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. said. "I witnessed, first hand, the struggle these flood victims were going through while trying to evacuate. At least we were able to keep their families and pets together."

The LDAF also provided about 150 small pet carriers so people could carry their pets with them on the same bus.

Also, the LDAF delivered 4,698 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of unleaded fuel to hospitals and law enforcement agencies during the storm Wednesday. The total amount of fuel requested so far throughout this storm event is 142,716 gallons.

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