
CHARITABLE GIFTS OF COMMODITIES

TIPS FOR MAKING GIFTS OF COMMODITIES:

- 1. Timing** - A great benefit of donating commodities is that it doesn't matter if the donation is made in the year of production or a later year. Gifts of commodities can be donated from the current year or previous years' harvests.
- 2. Available for Cash Basis Farmers.**
- 3. Unsold commodity** - The gift should be from unsold crop/commodity inventory, with no prior sale commitment made prior to the gift.
- 4. Physical delivery** - Be sure the gift is farm commodities, not warehouse receipts, which could be considered a cash equivalent. The fund must be able to demonstrate "control and dominion" over the gifted property.
- 5. Retention of control** - The farmer/rancher should provide no guidance in the transfer agreement as to the retention or sale of the gifted commodity.
- 6. Documentation** - Either a properly executed warehouse receipt in the fund's name, or a notarized letter of transfer for crops stored on the farm. The original sales invoice should list the fund as seller.
- 7. Storage & transportation costs** - After the transfer, the fund should assume costs of storage, marketing or transportation.
- 8. Crop share leases** - A share of a crop received as a rental payment is considered the equivalent of rental income and therefore will not qualify for the tax breaks listed.

Donor/Producer Name (Please Print)

Donor/Producer Address

City, State, Zip

Amount of Commodities: _____

Type of Commodities: _____

I wish to transfer the above commodities to benefit: **NMF/** _____ **Fund**

Donor/Producer Signature

_____/____/_____
Date

Commodities Receiver/Elevator

Phone #

Message to Commodities Receiver/operators:

Please call the number below to create an account and set up commodities disposition instructions. Please contact the NMF Philanthropy Department or the NMF Finance Department at 218-759-2057.

Please send or fax this form along with the appropriate documentation to: