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#### Rose Acre Farms Donates Grain Bin Rescue Equipment to Johnson County Fire Protection District

KNOB NOSTER, MO – The Johnson County Fire Protection District recently received a donation of a Great Wall of Rescue grain entrapment rescue device, courtesy of Rose Acre Farms through its Knob Noster facility.

The Great Wall of Rescue is a specialized 8-panel aluminum rescue system designed to aid in the safe extrication of individuals trapped in flowing grain. Once assembled, the panels form a coffer dam around the victim, allowing rescuers to safely remove grain using a hand-powered auger and reduce pressure on the individual.

Manufactured by a company based in Illinois, the system features lightweight panels with smooth finishes and ball-and-socket joints that allow for rapid deployment in a variety of configurations. These include full rescue tubes, curved walls near obstacles, or barrier walls to divert additional grain. The system is designed to be deployed by two to three trained responders and significantly improves the safety and success rate of grain rescue operations.

"We're incredibly thankful to Rose Acre Farms for this donation," said Johnson County Fire Protection District Chief Larry Jennings. "Grain bin rescues are high-risk operations, and having the right equipment on hand can mean the difference between life and death. This device will be a vital addition to our rescue capabilities."

Rose Acre Farms, headquartered in Seymour, Indiana, is one of the largest egg producers in the United States. The company places a strong emphasis on agricultural safety and community involvement, frequently partnering with local organizations to improve emergency preparedness and promote safe farming practices. This donation reflects Rose Acre Farms' continued commitment to supporting first responders and strengthening the communities in which it operates.

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