



Nebraska Wheat and the Mobile Baking Lab traveled to Beaver Crossing, Neb. to bake wheat foods for the residents and volunteers working on tornado cleanup.

On Sunday, May 11, 2014, tornadoes ripped through parts of southeastern Nebraska, and the community of Beaver Crossing suffered extensive damage. After visiting with the Salvation Army who was already on site serving meals, Nebraska Wheat learned that their unit didn't have ovens. On Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14, Nebraska Wheat took its Mobile Baking Lab to the Beaver Crossing to bake fresh cookies and homemade cinnamon rolls.

"Nebraska is like on big community," said Caroline Brauer, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association. "Knowing our neighbors in Beaver Crossing had suffered this devastation to their town, we felt like we needed to help, and our Mobile Baking Lab gave us a way to do it."

The Mobile Baking Lab is a self-contained unit that can run off generators and has its own water tank, meaning the lack of electricity in the town wasn't an issue.

"Just being able to put a smile on a residents face when we handed them a cookie, or helping volunteers get through the morning with a fresh cinnamon roll made it worth it for us," Brauer said.



The Mobile Baking Lab pulls up and begins preparations to serve cookies with the dinner provided by the Salvation Army to residents and volunteer workers in Beaver Crossing.