

New barn structures to store hay bales at PRF



The construction of the first of three barns began in July at Perdido River Farms.

General Manager John English said the barns are being built to store hay bales so that the current structure for hay can be used to house equipment from the effects of the weather.

“We just got started on our second round of cutting,” English said. “The last will be around the middle to end of September. So the need for more barns

is definitely necessary. By building three barns, we will have the ability to store more rolls than we currently do, and the barn by the office will be utilized more efficiently.”

In July, the farm had 2,992 bales of hay to store. English said by the end of harvesting season, they should have about 4,265 bales.

Last year, Perdido River Farms suffered a fire in September. A lightning storm started the fire in one of the barns,

and the farm lost a significant amount of hay. Equipment also was damaged, as was part of the office building. However, no one was injured, and no animals were lost.

English said these new barns will be placed 40 feet apart in an effort to keep tremendous loss from happening again in case of another fire. The dimension of each structure will be 40 feet by 96 feet.

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The CIEDA internal construction crew is building the first of three barns at Perdido River Farms to house hay bales and free up the current barn for equipment storage.