

FARM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

General Preparedness



Protecting your farm involves a number of considerations – family members, co-workers or employees, buildings, equipment, livestock, and crops. Planning ahead for all-hazard situations can help to minimize the impact and speed the recovery process for you and your farm.

Before a Disaster or Emergency

- **Gather information.**
 - What disasters or hazards are most likely in your community? For your farm?
 - How would you be warned?
 - How should you prepare for each?
- **Know the warning signals for your area.**
 - Learn the warning systems for your community.
 - Are you able to hear or see the appropriate warning from your farm?
- **Stay alert for emergency broadcasts.**
 - Emergency Alert System broadcasts on radio or television
 - NOAA weather radio alerts
 - News sources – radio, television, internet
- **Put together an emergency supply kit for your family.**
 - See 'Family Emergency Supply Kit' handout
- **Draw a farm site map and indicate:**
 - Buildings and structures
 - Access routes (e.g., roads, lanes)
 - Barriers (fences, gates)
 - Locations of livestock
 - Locations of all hazardous substances
 - Electrical shutoff locations, etc.
- **Make a list of your farm inventory, include:**
 - Livestock (species, number of animals)
 - Crops (acres, type)
 - Machinery and equipment (make, model #)
 - Hazardous substances (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, medicines, other chemicals)
- **Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.**
 - Your local and state veterinarian
 - County extension service
 - Local emergency management
 - Insurance agent
- **Make a list of suppliers or businesses providing services to your farm.**
 - Livestock or milk transport, feed delivery, fuel delivery, etc.

- **Contact your insurance agent.**
 - Review your insurance coverage.
 - Get additional coverage for “all-hazard” situations (e.g., flood, hail damage).
- **Stockpile supplies needed to protect the farm:**
 - Sandbags and plastic sheeting, in case of flood
 - Wire and rope to secure objects
 - Lumber and plywood to protect windows
 - Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles
 - Hand tools for preparation and recovery
 - Fire extinguishers in all barns and all vehicles
 - A safe supply of food to feed livestock
 - A gas powered generator
- **Identify areas (e.g., higher elevation) to relocate your assets, if needed.**
 - Livestock and horses
 - Equipment
 - Feed, grain, hay
 - Agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides)
- **Remove or secure any loose equipment or materials, such as lumber and fuel tanks.**
- **Prepare farm employees.**
 - Keep them informed of the farm’s emergency plan; review it with them regularly.
 - Identify shelter-in-place or evacuation locations.
 - Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees.

For More Information

Preparing the Farm and Farm Animals for Disaster (USDA NAL)

Document that overviews steps to prepare your farm and livestock for disaster situations.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/pubs/IACUC/dis.htm#prep>

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FARM EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

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Police	Local/Farm Veterinarian
Fire	State Veterinarian
Ambulance	Cooperative Extension Service
County Emergency Management Office	Livestock Shipper
Neighbors	Grain Hauler
Out of State Contact	Fuel Supplier
American Red Cross	Milk Hauler
Power Company	Homeowner's Insurance Policy Agent: Company: Policy Number:
Gas Company	Farm Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
Water Company	Flood Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
Disaster Hotline	Wind and/or Hail Insurance Policy Company: Policy Number:
County Public Health Department	
Poison Control Center	