



## Severe Weather Event (Flooding/Hurricane) Preparedness:

### Checklist for Farmers

- Clean all drains and other water courses to prevent flooding.
- Fill all water tanks and get additional water storage if necessary.
- Do not leave market baskets, harvesting crates, drip tape or irrigation pipes laying around where they can become missiles in high winds or get washed-away.
- Prune plants such as bananas, plantain and coconuts by removing the outer leaves and remove weak branches as well as thin-out the canopies of tree crops such as mango, breadfruit, avocado etc. Pruning will reduce resistance to wind and help protect the plants from uprooting and severe trunk and branch breakage.
- Harvest and consider processing fruits and vegetables that are mature or close to maturity.
- Regularly inspect all buildings including storage sheds, greenhouses and other structures for broken or weak fittings and repair as needed.
- Secure loose metal roofing, siding and weak walls that could potentially blow off in high winds.
- Disassemble greenhouses and securely store the structures and equipment in storage container, storage room or other secure areas.
- Secure tractors, other farm vehicles and equipment within a safe area. A storage container may be used for smaller tools and equipment.
- Disconnect and relocate pumps and pump fittings to higher ground or store in secure area.
- Anchor fuel tanks and relocate waste and agro-chemicals to high areas.