



Severe Weather Event (Flooding/Hurricane) Preparedness:

Checklist for Livestock Farmers

- Store at least one week supply of feed and clean water. This is particularly important for monogastric animals (poultry, pig).
- Harvest forage and conserve (hay etc.) prior to the adverse weather event to provide feed for ruminant livestock on farms in flood prone areas.
- Feed must be stored on elevated platforms in feed room to prevent spoilage if the area becomes flooded.
- In flood prone areas, animals must be relocated to higher elevations.
- If animals cannot be evacuated, let them loose in large open pastures or pens on high ground.
- Clean drains and all water courses and construct drain infrastructure if necessary to facilitate water run-off.
- Ensure all inventories and records, including animal identification are updated.
- Animals must be properly and uniquely identified in case they become lost, strayed, or stolen during period of adverse weather.
- Ensure all basic veterinary supplies are in stock and animals are current on all vaccinations where applicable.
- Ensure a functional back-up source of electricity is available on dairy farms for milk storage and farms with monogastric animals (poultry, pigs, rabbits etc) to provide a source of heat for brooding if required.
- Delay purchase or delivery of baby chicks, if possible, when a hurricane or other adverse weather event is imminent.
- Make repairs where necessary to all roof and housing infrastructure for livestock (especially important for poultry) prior to the adverse weather event.