

General Farm Emergency Planning

Preparing for an emergency saves time and can reduce damage to your farm. Check the items that are in place for your farm:

- I have information on hazards affecting the farm:
 - Disasters that are most likely to affect my farm
 - Areas of the farm that are most vulnerable
- I know the warning signals for my area and will stay alert for emergency broadcasts:
 - BC Emergency Alerting System on radio or TV
 - Weather radio alerts
 - Other news sources – radio, television, internet
- I have stockpiled supplies for protection, including:
 - Sandbags and plastic sheeting in case of flood
 - Lumber and plywood to protect windows
 - Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles
 - Fire extinguishers in barns and vehicles
- I have identified protected areas (e.g., higher elevation for flood, open fields for wildfire) where I can move:
 - Livestock
 - Equipment
 - Feed, grain, pesticides, herbicides
- I have made a safe environment for my livestock:
 - Assess the stability and safety of barns and other structures
 - Remove dead trees or other debris around animal facilities
 - Remove or secure any loose items, such as lumber or feed troughs
 - Assure wiring for heat lamps or other electric equipment is safe and away from flammable materials.
- I have prepared family and employees, including:
 - Put together an emergency supply kit for my family
 - Keep them informed of the farm emergency plan, and review with them regularly
 - Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees.
 - Establish an out-of-area contact
- I have a list of contacts that may be able to assist in an emergency, including:
 - Businesses that provide farm services
 - Agriculture associations active in the region
 - Neighbours

Quick Disaster Readiness Checklist

- ✓ Herd health and vaccinations up-to-date
- ✓ Animal identification complete
- ✓ Health papers secure
- ✓ Herd prioritized for relocation
- ✓ Records stored in safe location
- ✓ Livestock relocation plan
- ✓ Cash available for emergency purchases (credit/debit cards may not work)
- ✓ Animal feed for 1-2 weeks
- ✓ Emergency equipment and first aid supplies stored
- ✓ Partner with other owners/ranches arranged
- ✓ Plans coordinated with local authority and agricultural groups

Livestock Relocation Kit

The kit should be kept in a central location and checked regularly to ensure completeness and freshness of contents. The following are suggested core items; add items as necessary.

- Current list of all animals, (i.e. location; records of feeding, vaccinations, tests).
- Proof of ownership for all animals.
- Supplies for temporary ID of animals (i.e. plastic neckbands, permanent markers to label your animals with your name, address and telephone number.
- Basic first aid kit.
- Handling equipment (i.e., halters, cages, appropriate tools).
- Water, feed, and buckets.
- Tools and supplies needed for sanitation.
- Emergency equipment (i.e. cell phone, flashlights, portable radios, batteries.)
- Other safety and emergency items for your vehicles and trailers.
- Food, water, and disaster supplies for your family.