

Emergency Response SOP

Emergency Response protocols are important for the safety of your employees and your cattle.

Work with your veterinarian to develop an emergency protocol that will serve your farm effectively.

Review protocols annually with the employee(s) responsible for emergency response.

Objective: To protect the health and welfare of all cattle in the herd by (1) identifying when an emergency situation may be likely (2) ensure quick and effective responses to an emergency (3) minimize the impact of an emergency wherever possible

Principles: Emergency situations may not all be preventable but we can prepare our employees to respond effectively to minimize the impact of emergencies on our business and the health and welfare of our cattle.

| Farm: | | |
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| Veterinarian of Record: | | |
| Emergency Response/Planning | Employee(s) responsible: | Check if Process in Place |
| 1. <u>Emergency Contact List:</u> Posted in a prominent area in a language(s) that can be read by all employees. <u>Persons listed at minimum:</u> ✓ <u>Farm Owner</u> ✓ <u>Farm Manager</u> ✓ <u>Veterinarian of Record</u> ✓ <u>Local Fire Department</u> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Fire Extinguishers:</u> Charged and placed for immediate control of small fires, particularly where livestock are confined indoors. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Back Up Power</u> - Independent generator available for emergencies. Check monthly for functioning and immediately when an emergency event is foreseen. <i>? Does the generator provide enough power to supply:</i> ✓ Milking Equipment ✓ Bulk Tank Milk Cooling ✓ Pumps for water supply to livestock | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Back Up Fuel:</u> 2 -3 day supply for generators and other equipment. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Insurance:</u> Up to date coverage for buildings and livestock | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. <u>Animal Identification:</u> Each animal has an easily recognizable form of identification. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. <u>Water Supply:</u> Available for 2-3 days in power outage. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. <u>Feed Supply:</u> Available for 2-3 days without restocking. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. <u>First Aid Supplies:</u> Animal and human first aid kits stocked and readily available. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. <u>Equipment /Tractors and Machinery:</u> Fueled and ready for access. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. <u>Employee Feed and Housing:</u> Is there... ✓ An area designated where employees can stay/sleep ✓ Food available to feed employees for 2-3 days ✓ Spare clothing for employees | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Adapted from :Cornell University Cooperative Extension Ontario County "Dairy and Livestock Farm Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Guidelines."

Veterinarian of Record: _____

Date: _____