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Irma Evacuation Site-Updated 9/8/2017

Effective *Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.*, the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter opened to serve as an Equine evacuation site for those in the line of hurricane Irma. GNFA currently has 260 available stalls open for any and all evacuees from Florida as well as the Georgia Coast line. These stalls are available on a first come, first serve basis, no reservations will be accepted.

The Georgia National Fairgrounds will have on-site dry camping available for only those housing equine at the facility during their stay. Individuals will need to provide their own generators and basic necessities while here on-site. GNFA will also provide three bags of shavings per stall for these animals at the time of move in. Owners will be required to provide the necessary feed, hay and tack to care for all horses while here. If you are coming from out of town and were unable to bring the necessary items, there are local feed stores for owners to purchase items once here.

In addition to housing equine and their owners, GNFA will now be the staging site for energy companies based out of Florida and Georgia who will be responding to the affected areas once the storm has passed. All commercial buildings will now house men and women who will be working to serve the community when needed, we thank them for their dedication and service.

With the limited number of stalls available, equine owners will need to have a secondary site in case we reach capacity before you arrive here in Perry. Additional site locations can be found at <http://agr.georgia.gov/companion-animal-equine-division.aspx> .

Prayers for all and God Bless.

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