**Make a disaster plan**

Create a list of emergency telephone numbers and provide to family and employees:

- Employees
- Neighbors
- Veterinarian
- Local animal shelter
- Animal control
- County office
- County Emergency Management Office
- Fire/Police stations
- Trailering resources
- Local Volunteers
- A contact outside of the disaster area

**Prepare your property**

- Trim trees around barns, driveways and fences
- Remove weak trees
- Plant grass types that are tolerant to salinity
- Perform routine safety checks for utilities, buildings and facilities
- Reinforce weak structures
- Develop an evacuation and livestock management plan and share with neighboring farms
- Make sure livestock is properly identified, vaccinated, and in good health
- Familiarize yourself with your current insurance policy and make sure it is up to date
- Gather important documents (insurance policies, birth certificates, etc.) for safe-keeping
- Prepare (or update) a livestock emergency kit with necessary items and important documents
- Identify alternate power and water sources

**Prepare your property (continued)**

- Perform routine generator maintenance
- Make an evacuation plan
- Identify at least two evacuation routes
- Make sure transportation equipment is ready
- Create a backup transportation plan if equipment fails
- Order fuel to top off farm fuel tanks for tractors and equipment
- Top-off fuel tanks in farm and personal vehicles

**Prepare for landfall**

- Reinforce your house, barn and other buildings with hurricane straps or other measures
- Remove and secure objects that could become projectiles or debris
- Tie gates in the open position so animals can cross freely
- Remove all barbed wire and reroute permanent fencing to give animals access to high areas
- Build berms or mounds if high areas are not available
- Cover sharp edges of equipment with straw bales or other padding; do not use hay
- Label hazardous materials and move to a singular location
- Have extra tarps or shade cloth in case roof is blown
- Ensure poultry has access to high perches, food and clean water
- Fill large containers and feed troughs with water to last for at least two weeks
- Store a two-week supply of all feedstuff in waterproof containers
- Cover hay with plastic tarps and move to high and dry areas in a building
- Monitor television and local radio broadcasts regularly

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**If you evacuate**

- Evacuate at least 3 days before landfall
- Make shelter arrangements for your animals
- Take all disaster supplies with you, including the livestock emergency kit, feed, water and tools
- Make sure animals are identified and have ownership verification in hand
- Make sure to comply with animal movement requirements
- Take important documents

**If you shelter in place**

- If you shelter in place
- Examine your property for power lines, potential debris, and conditions of shelter to decide if it’s safe to move your livestock inside or to turn them outside
- If flooding or high winds are expected and animals cannot be evacuated, they should be turned outside
- Do not keep animals tied up or restrained outside
- If animals are inside, keep them away from windowed areas
- Place feed in waterproof containers

**After hurricane landfall**

- After hurricane landfall
- Check for missing animals and determine if they have been transported to a holding facility
- Check and report animals found on your property for safe return to their owner
- Secure perimeter fencing and supplement with temporary fencing if needed
- Gather and dispose of trash, wire, and damaged equipment that could harm livestock
- Examine damages and potential hazards before letting sheltered animals back into pastures
- Check animals for injuries and treat them as soon as possible
- Check feed and water for contamination
- Do not feed your animals with contaminated feed or water
- Monitor animals for salt poisoning
- Use familiar personnel to re-acclimate nervous and disoriented animals
- Record and dispose of any livestock carcasses
- Contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture for help disposing of large numbers of carcasses

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**Georgia Department of Agriculture’s Emergency Response Hotline: 1-855-491-1432**

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