Hurricane Preparedness Checklist:

Preparing for the hurricane season

✓ Make a disaster plan to protect your property, your facilities, and your animals
✓ Create a list of emergency telephone numbers and provide the list to family and employees
✓ Trim the 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 management of livestock plan to collaborate with neighboring farms
✓ Make sure livestock is properly identified, vaccinated and in good health
✓ Familiarize yourself with your current insurance policy and make sure is up to date
✓ Prepare and update a livestock emergency kit with necessary items and important documents
✓ Identify alternate power and water sources
✓ Perform routine generator maintenance

Preparing for a hurricane landfall:

✓ Reinforce your house, barn and other buildings with hurricane straps or other measures.
✓ Remove and secure anything that could become projectiles or blowing debris
✓ Tie gates in the open position so animals can cross freely
✓ Remove all barbed wire and reroute permanent fencing towards high areas avoiding areas prone to flooding.
  o 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 it to a singular location
✓ Have extra tarps or shade cloth for temporary shade or in case roof is blown
✓ Ensure that poultry have access to high areas in which to perch and have access to food and clean water
✓ Fill large containers and feed troughs with water to last for at least one to two weeks
✓ Safely store a two-week supply of all feedstuff in waterproof containers
✓ Cover hay with plastic tarps and move it to a high and dry areas in a building
✓ Monitor television and local radio broadcasts regularly

If you need to 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

If you shelter in place:

✓ Examine your property for power lines, potential debris, and conditions of shelter and decide if it’s safe to move your livestock inside or to turn them outside
After hurricane landfall:

- Check for missing animals and determine if they have been transported to a holding facility
- Check and report animals found in 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
- Animals might be disoriented or nervous, use familiar personnel to help them re-acclimate
- Record and dispose of any livestock carcasses; in case of having a large amount of animal carcasses, contact the Georgia Department of Agriculture for help with disposal