

California has its share of natural and man-made disasters. Severe weather including extreme weather, drought, floods, and wildfires are some of the natural hazards that beef and dairy cattle producers should prepare for. Producers are known for their self-sufficient nature, but sometimes additional resources may be needed.



## Be Ready before disaster strikes

# Resources For LIVESTOCK OWNERS



## Plan for Evacuation & Transportation

- **Create and update an Emergency Farm Plan** that includes wildfires, floods, drought, power loss, and other threats. Review it yearly and make sure everyone on the farm knows what to do. 
- **Inspect and maintain key systems:** water supply, gates, fencing, barns, generators, and loading areas so they're reliable when disaster hits.
- **Keep detailed records** of animal identification, veterinary records, treatments, and breeding history, and store digital and paper copies in a safe place.
- **Document your property** with photos and videos of livestock, structures, and equipment to support insurance claims and disaster assistance.
- **Review insurance coverage** regularly to ensure it reflects the current value of your animals and facilities and clearly understand what's included.



- **Build partnerships** with neighbors, industry groups, and local haulers ahead of time to share trailers, trucks, and manpower when needed.
- **Keep an updated transport contact list** of livestock haulers, processors, and rendering facilities who can respond quickly during an emergency.
- **Identify and confirm evacuation sites** such as neighboring farms/ranches, dairies, fairgrounds, or feedlots, and verify they have water, fencing, and needed facilities.
- **Prepare documentation and supplies:** keep business and livestock ownership records, permits, and emergency contact lists ready, along with water, feed, and basic animal-care kits.
- **Practice load and transport procedures** in advance so animals and handlers are familiar with the process and can move quickly when time matters.



# Local Resources you can rely on

(include but are not limited to)

**Neighboring Producers** are an easy and accessible resource with trucks, livestock trailers, and skills that can quickly be mobilized to rescue livestock during disasters.

**Agricultural Producer** and workers have knowledge of produce, livestock and direct work experience.

**County Farm Bureaus** may offer assistance in livestock emergencies and coordinate with UC Cooperative Extensions.

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**Industry Groups** for the most part may organize transport from neighboring producers.



## County & State Support

If local resources are exhausted, county and state agencies can help coordinate response efforts.

### **County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC)**

- Coordinates livestock-related support and requests with the county Emergency Operations Center (EOC).





### **Environmental Health (EH)**

- Handles dairy inspection and milk permitting in approved counties.

### **Office of Emergency Services (OES)**

- Provides disaster information, hotline support, and situational updates.
- Hosts community briefings and maintains local emergency webpages.
- May provide assistance with evacuation, transport and sheltering of livestock.





### **Tips:**

- Sign up for your county's Wireless Emergency Alerts. 
- Download the Ready for Wildfire app. 
- Download the California Earthquake Early Warning system's MyShake app. 
- Discover hazards (earthquake, flood, wildfire, etc.) in your area at **MyHazards**. 



## Private Sector Resources

Additional support may be available through private services such as:

- Livestock transport companies 
- Livestock markets and feedlots 
- Slaughter and rendering facilities 
- Heavy equipment rental and trucking firms 



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