



# Emergency planning for your farm

**Prepare today, be ready for tomorrow**

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Minnesota barn fire kills dozens of cattle

## **Pennsylvania dairy farm fire displaces 1,600 cows**

### **Retired dairy farmer looks back on the accident that changed everything**

A Florida dairy farmer took a devastating hit during Hurricane Ian, losing 250 dairy cows.

## **FARM ACCIDENT PINS MAN IN SKID-STEER**

20 cattle barns have collapsed in Minnesota under weight of heavy snow

Help write your farm's story,  
write an emergency plan!



*What is an  
emergency plan?*

WHY DO I NEED ONE?

**How do I get started?**



# Emergency Planning 101

- Reduce vulnerability
- Increase resiliency
- Save time in the moment



Graphic: case.edu

# Planning for emergencies

- Evacuation
- Shelter in place
- Medical emergency



Photo: EZ Machinery

# What should I have in my plan?



# Farm map

On a map, label:

- access routes (roads, lanes, and driveways)
- fences and gates
- location of all livestock
- locations of hazardous materials
- locations of shut-offs (electricity, water, utilities)

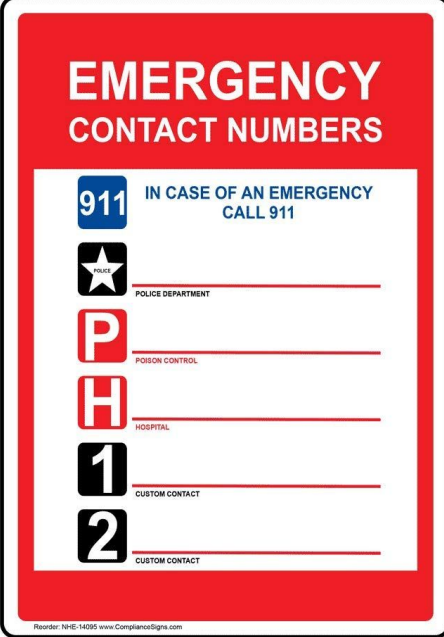




# Emergency contact list

Create a central list of contacts:

- Veterinarian
- County emergency management
- County sheriff
- Insurance agent
- Haulers/processors
- Suppliers
- Local Extension



The image shows a red-bordered sign with a white background. At the top, the text "EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters. Below this, there is a section titled "IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911" in black text. To the left of this text is a blue square with the number "911" in white. Below the "911" text are five rows, each with a different icon and a horizontal line for a name: a black star with "POLICE" below it, a red "P" in a white square, a red "H" in a white square, a black "1" in a white square, and a black "2" in a white square. Each icon is followed by a horizontal line and the label "POLICE DEPARTMENT", "POISON CONTROL", "HOSPITAL", "CUSTOM CONTACT", and "CUSTOM CONTACT" respectively. At the bottom left of the sign, there is a small URL: "Reorder: NHE-14085 www.ComplianceSigns.com".

Graphic: Compliance Signs

# Review what you have and what you need

- Insurance policies
- Emergency supplies
- First aid kit

# Create action plans for emergencies



# Shelter in place

Questions to consider:

- Is there backup power? Backup fuel?
- What if an access route is blocked?
- How will priority chores get done?
- How will we keep people safe?
- Who is responsible for what?



Photo: Mlive.com

# Evacuation

Questions to consider:

- What is best escape route for the animals?
- Which gates need to be opened?
- What if an access route is blocked?
- Where are explosive and hazardous materials stored?
- Where can people take shelter?
- How will we keep people safe?
- Who is responsible for what?



Photo: Oklahoma State University

# Medical emergencies

Questions to consider:

- Are there pre-existing health conditions?
- Where are emergency medical supplies?
- Do we provide first aid training?
- Where would an ambulance need to go?
- How will we keep people safe?
- Who is responsible for what?



Photo: Commonwealth Fund

# Summary

- Emergency plans help reduce vulnerability
- Plans should be made for several scenarios
- Consider the layout of your farm
- Know who to contact
- Safety of your people should be top priority
- Layout clear responsibilities

# Remember...

There's no way to plan for every detail of every scenario. Think of your emergency plans as a general guideline and familiarize yourself with them. Everyone will have a role to play, so consider how you will share your plans with others.

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# Resources

## University of Minnesota Extension

- [Operations contingency plans for livestock producers](#)

## Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

- [extensiondisaster.net](http://extensiondisaster.net)

## Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

- Emergency Preparedness for Farmworkers

## Insurance companies



# Thank you!

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**Slow down.  
Think twice.  
Be safe.**