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LIVESTOCK: EVACUATE OR SHELTER IN PLACE?

Disaster preparedness is important for all animals, but it is especially important for livestock because of the size of the animals and their shelter/transportation needs. Disasters can happen anywhere and take many different forms, forcing the need for evacuation. Whether you evacuate or shelter in place, it's important to be prepared to protect your livestock.

*Make a plan and review it a couple times a year

- -where will we take our livestock?
- -which trailer will we use?
- -is the trailer in good shape?
- -which route will we take?
- -what supplies, feed, and medication will I take with us?
- -do our halters have ID on them
- -do we have chalk or paint to ID our stock if kept with others?

*If sheltering in place

- -do we have enough room to shelter in place (1 + acre)?
- -is the pasture free of debris and growth which may catch fire?
- -is the pasture high enough to keep the stock out of flood zones?
- -is there enough food & water in place to last for several days?
- -have I placed or marked our stock with some kind of ID?

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H = Have a plan and review it annually (evacuate vs. shelter)

O = Observe your equipment and supplies regularly

M = Mark your stock with temporary identification

 \mathbf{E} = Evacuate to your pre-planned destination



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