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EMERGENCY RESPONSE - ANIMAL CARE PLAN

Dairy Facility Name

Emergencies that could impact the farm include: earthquake, flood, fire, bioterrorism event and animal disease. A disaster either on-farm or off-farm could impact the dairy's ability to operate and/or move milk or animals off the dairy. Proper care (housing, feed & water) for our animals is the primary concern. Critical contacts; animal moving equipment; off-farm emergency animal housing locations; and emergency power and water supplies are listed below for quick reference during any type of disaster. CDFA Animal Health Branch and Lab Contacts in addition to checklists for heat stress reduction and flooding/levee break situations are provided on the backside of this sheet. A map of the dairy including locations of hazardous materials, emergency keys and equipment storage areas is attached.

CONTACTS:

MILK PROCESSOR (24-hr name & phone): _____

HERD VETERINARIAN (name & phone): _____

HERD NUTRITIONIST (name & phone): _____

TRADE ASSOCIATION REP (name & phone): _____

MILK INSPECTOR (name & phone): _____

UCCE DAIRY ADVISOR (name & phone): _____

COUNTY AG COMMISSIONER (name & phone): _____

RENDERING OR DISPOSAL SERVICE (phone): _____

ANIMAL MOVING EQUIPMENT (name / location):

OFF-SITE ANIMAL HOUSING (name & phone):

EMERGENCY POWER SOURCES:

(location/fuel): _____

EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLIES:

(source/amount): _____

California Department of Food and Agriculture (Animal Health Branch) Contact Information:

Redding District

Dr. Charles Palmer
PHONE (530) 225-2140
FAX (530) 225-2240

Tulare District

Dr. Jeff Davidson (*acting*)
PHONE (559) 685-3500
FAX (559) 685-3503

Modesto District

Dr. David Willoughby
PHONE (209) 491-9350
FAX (209) 491-9353

Ontario District

Dr. Predrag Pecic (*acting*)
PHONE (909) 947-4462
FAX (909) 923-5128

California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System:

Davis Lab

PHONE (530) 752-8700
FAX (530) 752-5680

San Bernardino Lab

PHONE (909) 383-4287
FAX (909) 884-5980

Tulare Lab

PHONE (559) 688-7543
FAX (559) 686-4231

EMERGENCY HEAT STRESS REDUCTION:

The best tools available to livestock producers dealing with heat stress are adequate and accessible drinking water, shade and water-cooling.

- ✓ Use of milk parlor back-up generators to run fans and/or well pumps during rolling power black-outs.
- ✓ Installation of additional/temporary shade structures (cloth or other) over high density animal areas.
- ✓ Use of fire hoses to provide water to water trucks to soak cattle.
- ✓ Use of the sprinkler pens during down-time to wet & cool cattle.
- ✓ Installation of temporary soaking lines using flexible landscaping hose and high volume emitters positioned over cattle eating or resting areas.
- ✓ Rental of industrial fans to augment on-farm supply.
- ✓ Avoid working cattle except in the cooler early-morning hours.

FLOODING / LEVEE BREAK PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Levee breaks can threaten parts or all of the dairy operation. In situations where animals must be moved off-site, a coordinated effort between the milk processor, milk inspector, off-site location managers and the producer is key to minimize losses and maximize animal care.

- ✓ Determine which public and private levees threaten your facilities and ensure the levees are being frequently monitored. County Works offices or county Office of Emergency Services may be able to provide such information.
- ✓ Request that officials contact you in the event of a threatened or actual levee failure.
- ✓ Complete the listing of all emergency contact information on the front of this sheet.
- ✓ Arrange for a primary and secondary emergency relocation sites. Such sites could include neighboring dairies with extra corral space, sales barns or county fairgrounds.