



Tips for Fire Emergency Scenarios

Plan Ahead:

- Make sure animals can easily be identified (ear tags, brands or tattoos) when possible.
 - Carry documentation that identifies the owner.
- Ensure you have sufficient transportation for animals. Work with other farms to ensure you have a safe place to land if evacuation is necessary.
- Store copies of records such as animal identification and site plans in multiple places (onsite, offsite and digitally).
- Map your property on a site plan - clearly identify power, water, emergency equipment, and gates.

When to go or when to stay:

• Shelter in Place

- In the event of a shelter-in-place order, consider whether confining animals to smaller areas or leaving them out in a pasture is the best environment. Confined spaces can create conflict between animals.

• Evacuate with Animals

- NOTE: Requires significant resources and time.
 - Consider the feed and water availability at evacuation locations as well as safe confinement in an unknown space.
 - Stay calm. Don't rush, move with purpose to prevent possible injury to yourself and your animals.
 - Bring the appropriate supplies listed under Supplies if possible.

• Evacuate without Animals

- In the event of a sudden evacuation for events like fire:
 - Ensure animals have visual identifiers such as using a semi-permanent livestock marker with your name and cell number on their bodies,
 - Leave at least 72 hours of feed and water available that does not need power,
 - Open gates to allow free movement to avoid hazards,
 - Keep buildings closed to stop animals from becoming trapped,
 - Ensure emergency contacts know your animals are being left and how many,
 - Ensure handling equipment is easily available if emergency services need to free animals.
 - Watch your local municipality/county social pages and websites. Some areas may offer an animal registry for animals left behind to provide food, water, and monitoring services during an extended evacuation.

Supplies:

- Ensure you have readily available:
 - Feed and a water source that does not need power
 - First aid kits
 - Medications/vet records/identification/proof of ownership documentation
 - Handling equipment such as ropes, halters, bedding and fence cutters.

For more information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/farm-animals-and-livestock-preparedness.aspx>