

Yuma County Emergency Management



Ranch & Farm Preparedness Guide

Planning now
can protect your
business and
get you back on
your feet faster
after a disaster.



Basic All-Hazard Preparedness CHECKLIST

- ☐ Printed contact list
(With suppliers, utility companies, insurance agent, extension agent, veterinarian, neighbors, etc.)
 - ☐ Update every 3-6 months
- ☐ Printed site map
(With acreage & locations of gates, roads, water wells, shut-offs, chemical tanks, escape routes, etc.)
 - ☐ Update annually
- ☐ Alternate water source identified
- ☐ Alternate power source identified
 - ☐ If generator, check function and fuel supply every 3-6 months
- ☐ Stockpile of emergency supplies
 - ☐ First aid kit, medicines, fire extinguishers, ladder, hoses, buckets, tools, lumber, fencing, feed, etc.

Why Prepare Your Staff & Yourself?



- Training saves lives
- Mentally preparing now can help you respond more quickly in a real emergency
- Having the right equipment on hand can help minimize property damage





Preparedness Tips for Common Yuma County Hazards

TORNADOES



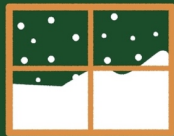
- Practice tornado drills regularly
- Keep an eye on National Weather Service forecasts
- Securely store & clearly label hazardous materials (such as fuels, pesticides, etc.)
- If a tornado is imminent, release livestock from pens (if possible) & take shelter

FLOODS / EVACUATIONS



- Keep cars & trucks fueled; ensure livestock trailers are in usable condition
- Track weather forecast & move animals to higher ground before flooding happens
- Ensure animals have ID: tags, brands, etc.
- Identify alternate animal holding locations
- Contact CO Dept. of Agriculture to learn how you can safely store farm chemicals & prevent overflow of lagoons/manure pits

WINTER STORMS



- Store enough food & fuel to cover your family & animals for up to 2 weeks
- Provide bedding
- Ensure proper ventilation in homes & barns to prevent carbon monoxide build-up
- Keep firefighting tools in every building
- Move livestock closer to ranch buildings & feed stores
- Prevent ice buildup in water
- Consider making windbreaks for animals kept outside

THUNDERSTORMS



- Install lightning & fire suppression systems for all buildings
- Keep yourself & your animals away from open water, metal objects, & trees

WILDFIRES



- Store firefighting tools in all buildings: ladders, hoses, fire extinguishers, shovels, water pumps, buckets, etc.
- Be FireWise: clear flammable items (wood, brush, weeds, etc.) away from buildings & never start open burns during dry weather!
- Ensure animals have ID: tags, brands, etc.
- Store flammable materials (hay, gas, etc.) away from animals and homes