



Florida Livestock & Animal Hurricane Checklist

Identification, transport, water, feed, shelter and recovery for a mixed-species homestead

Use this as a planning aid, then add the details that belong to your family, animals and property. Check current official instructions during an active event.

Every animal

- ☐ Count and photograph each animal; keep records offline and in a secure offsite copy.
- ☐ Record species, identification, medication, veterinarian and emergency destination.
- ☐ Label carriers, leads and halters without publishing private location details.
- ☐ Plan separate safe spaces for animals that cannot travel or shelter together.
- ☐ Pack familiar feed, clean-water equipment, necessary medications and veterinary records.

Poultry and rabbits

- ☐ Provide secure, dry containment with airflow; do not seal animals into a heat-trapping space.
- ☐ Protect feed from wind-driven rain, floodwater and rodents.
- ☐ Move portable pools, feeders, waterers and loose panels before the wind arrives.
- ☐ Plan how water will be carried if a hose, pump or well fails.

Goats, pigs, cattle and equines

- ☐ Inspect halters, leads, gates, latches, trailers and loading routes in good weather.
- ☐ Confirm destination capacity for each species before relying on evacuation.
- ☐ Keep familiar feed and necessary records with the transport plan.
- ☐ Identify backup containment if fencing or shelter is damaged.

After the storm

- ☐ Inspect every fence, gate, shelter and water point before returning animals.
- ☐ Use known-safe water and isolate wet, moldy or contaminated feed.
- ☐ Contact a veterinarian for illness, injury, heat stress or uncertain medication needs.
- ☐ Write down what worked and what should change before the next storm.

Important safety note

This resource provides general educational planning information. It is not real-time emergency instruction or individualized medical, veterinary, electrical, structural, legal or insurance advice. Follow current official orders and use qualified professionals when a task exceeds your training.

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Private notes

Do not post addresses, routes, gate details, medical information or security plans publicly.
