

Preparing for Flood Conditions in Rural Manitoba

Key Contacts

- Agricultural producers should contact their local rural municipality for information on assistance during a flood.
- Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) offices will provide information on agricultural crop and forage insurance.
- Disaster Financial Assistance information is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/emo/recover/home/dfa_home.html.
- Additional information on flood preparations and response is available on the Manitoba Government flood site: www.manitoba.ca/flooding.

Caring for Livestock

- To help the province prepare for and manage animal health issues during the flood, all owners or operators of premises with livestock and poultry should complete a premises identification application. Applications can be obtained at www.manitoba.ca/agriculture/pid or from your local Manitoba Agriculture office.
- Most producers and rural residents should have a flood plan and review to include the care of livestock and stored grain crops.
- Producers need to ensure their livestock have access to feed and water on high ground. They may need to arrange for additional feed onsite if the herd cannot be moved or if local roads are blocked. An alternate source of energy, such as a backup generator, should be available for use in barns.
- Producers who need help finding a temporary location for livestock should contact their local rural municipality.
- Producers must ensure there is adequate feed and water at any temporary location being used by their livestock.

Caring for Pets

Pet owners should have a plan for their pets if they must evacuate their homes. See Looking After Your Pets fact sheet for more information. Owners should take all pets with them or make alternate arrangements with family or friends.

- When moving pets, ensure they are in a proper transportation kennel or container and have access to food and emergency care.
- Keep proper animal control equipment with the animal. This includes leads or leashes as well as the animal's food and water containers.
- If pet owners cannot keep their pets with them, consider boarding at an animal kennel, humane society or a veterinary office.

Protecting Crops

- Producers with grain storage bins on land that is in danger of flooding should make plans to move the grain as soon as possible.
- Farmers whose grain is at risk of being flooded should contact their local rural municipality.
- Agricultural producers can apply for special spring-road restriction permits that allow them to move grain, oilseed and livestock out of flood-affected areas. Contact Motor Carrier Permits and Development in Winnipeg, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) at 204-945-3961 or toll free 1-877-812-0009.
- The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) offers a range of crop and forage insurance coverage that includes excess moisture. For information about specific programs, contact your MASC office.
- Contact local municipal authorities to answer questions and help producers deal with specific flood issues.
- Producers and residents should contact local municipal offices if there are culverts that need to be opened to keep water flowing along ditches.

Manitoba Farm and Support Services

The Manitoba Farm, Rural and Northern Support Services offers confidential support, counseling and information for rural residents.

Call toll free 1-866-367-3276 Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., 1-888-232-3094 for after-hours support or send an email to info@ruralsupport.ca.