



Livestock and storms

Have a storm plan

In a storm, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your livestock need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead is the best approach to help keep your animals safe during an emergency. Make a plan for how you will prepare for cyclones and discuss with your household, including:

- is your property flood prone?
- what areas are least likely to flood?
- what dangers could a storm present on your property? Are there powerlines, trees, other potential dangers?
- what direction do most storm fronts come from in your area?
- which parts of your property are most sheltered from wind and driving rain?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ Create an emergency kit
- ✓ Identify areas of your property least likely to flood
- ✓ If your property is in danger of flooding, move livestock to the highest area of the property

- ✓ Consider opening internal property gates to allow livestock to move between paddocks to dry ground
- ✓ Identify areas of your property that provide the most shelter
- ✓ Identify the most vulnerable classes of livestock and take appropriate action. e.g. provide most sheltered paddocks to lambing ewes and youngstock
- ✓ Keep an eye on weather forecasts
- ✓ Do not leave shelter to check animals until safe to do so.

Identification

All livestock should be appropriately identified and registered.

Visit agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-movement-identification/livestock-ownership-identification-and-movement-western-australia

Storm warnings

Storm warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au



Pause for your PAWE – storms

Storms can present dangers from flooding, wind, cold and lightning. Writing down a **Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE)** and including it in your storm management plan can help ensure you make the best possible decisions to protect your animals. Ensure all members of your household are familiar with your emergency plan.

Use the questions below as prompts to help you write down your plan. Write separate plans for different animal types as their needs will differ.

Survival plan for your animals' welfare in an emergency

1. Animals' names or types of livestock

2. Preparing your property

Where will we shelter during a storm?

What do we need in our storm emergency kit?

Do we need a back-up power supply in case the power goes out?

Are there particular animals that need special care? e.g. freshly-shorn sheep, young stock, a dog that is fearful of thunder

3. Safer areas for animals

Where is the safest place on our property for animals during a storm? Which animals will shelter where?

Will we move any animals? If so, where will we move them to? When? How?

4. What's our plan for after the cyclone?

How will animals be contained if fences and shelters are destroyed?

How will we access feed?

Emergency contacts

Regular vet _____

24hr emergency vet clinic _____

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