



Livestock and floods

Have a flood plan

In a flood, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your animals need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead is the best approach to dealing with animals in emergencies. Make a plan for how you will prepare for and respond to a flood. Work with others in your household, making sure everyone knows:

- is your property flood prone? What areas are least likely to flood?
- is evacuating livestock an option? If so, where will they go and how will they get there?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ Include livestock in your household/property emergency plan
- ✓ Create an emergency kit which can be easily relocated with your animals if necessary, and includes copies of stock information and identification, proof of ownership, and photographs of valuable animals
- ✓ Plan evacuation routes – consider several alternate routes to ensure rapid evacuation
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Provide enough supplementary feed (such as hay) and water to last at least five days. Put it in an area least likely to flood
- ✓ **Do not** cut fences along roadsides or leave external property gates open
- ✓ 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

Flood warnings

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

Visit emergency.wa.gov.au