

Assistance with animal welfare issues



NSW Department of Primary Industries and Local Land Services work together to manage the effects of emergencies on agriculture, livestock and our community as Agriculture and Animal Services Functional Area (AASFA). In the current flood emergency we are providing assistance to landholders and communities with animal welfare-related issues including:

- Emergency fodder and stock water (where there is an immediate animal welfare concern)
- Animal assessment and veterinary assistance
- Stock euthanasia and disposal
- Livestock feeding and management advice
- Care of animals in evacuation centres

**For assistance call the
Agriculture and Animal
Services Hotline on
1800 814 647**

WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD:

Livestock and horses

If you have livestock or horses you will need to make sure they are safe and well and still have access to fodder and water.

- Notify Local Land Services if any stock are missing. Contact local council, animal welfare or rescue groups, microchip registry, check social media sources.
- If any of your livestock or horses are injured contact your veterinarian.

Carcasses

- Keep records of any animal loss.
- You need to dispose of carcasses quickly. Offsite disposal may be the best option.
- Information about disposing of carcasses can be provided by Local Land Services or online via the DPI website.

Cleaning up

Floodwaters can be contaminated by sewage, chemicals or other waste which can cause illness and infection. When cleaning up:

- Always wear protective clothing including gloves, boots and eye goggles.
- Follow the safety instructions on the labels of any disinfectants or products you use.
- Watch out for snakes and spiders.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and maintain hygiene.
- Watch out for sharp objects.
- Do not move anything unless it is safe to do so.
- Contact your local council about disposal of large items.
- Photograph any damage for insurance purposes.
- NSW health also has information on cleaning up after a flood available online.



**We understand it's
hard for you as well
as your stock**

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the **Disaster Welfare Assistance Line** on 1800 018 444 from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

The NSW Rural Assistance Authority administers a disaster assistance loan scheme and transport subsidies for primary producers who have been affected by a disaster and who are operating in a Local Government Area that has been included in a natural disaster declaration.

Urgent loans are available at a concessional interest rate and transport subsidies are available to eligible applicants for the carriage of livestock, fodder and supplements for dairy cattle.

For help phone the **NSW Rural Assistance Authority** on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Further information on disaster assistance is at www.disasterassist.gov.au and the NSW emergency information and response website at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au