



# Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan



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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

### Overview

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is located on the east coast of mid Vancouver Island and has 7 electoral areas, 4 member municipalities and 3 First Nations. The Electoral Areas are comprised of 208,410 hectares, with about 9% in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

2006 Agricultural data from Statistics Canada: *(2011 data not yet available...)*

Species	No. of Farms	No. of Animals
Cattle and calves	138	3,326
Sheep and lambs	69	1,645
Poultry (all types)	239	96,349
Horses and ponies	119	632
Pigs	30	267
Goats	25	149
Llamas and alpacas	27	402

Responsibility for livestock during an emergency belongs to the livestock owner. The RDN Livestock Emergency Plan has been developed to clearly outline RDN practices regarding emergency livestock evacuation during an emergency or disaster.

### Plan Purpose

The purpose of the RDN Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan is to provide clear direction to the RDN's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) personnel, supporting emergency management stakeholders and local livestock owners regarding the RDN's policies and procedures during an emergency or disaster that requires livestock evacuation.

In doing so, the RDN's Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan:

- Considers all of the British Columbia Emergency Response System (BCERMS) goals in order of priority as follows:
  1. Provide for Safety and Health of all Responders
  2. Save Lives
  3. Reduce Suffering
  4. Protect Public Health
  5. Protect Government Infrastructure
  6. Protect Property
  7. Protect the Environment
  8. Reduce Economic and Social Losses

- Provides the operational guidelines for coordinating a response to incidents arising from the hazards and risks faced by the RDN that may cause the implementation of an emergency livestock evacuation;
- Outlines the RDN's authority and responsibilities to act in an emergency or disaster that requires livestock evacuation;
- Communicates RDN policies and procedures to outside organizations that are responsible under the plan; and
- Guides the ongoing efforts of RDN or other government agency personnel and livestock owners in coordinated emergency response procedures and in exercising the plan.

## **SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS**

### **BCERMS GOALS**

The British Columbia Emergency Response Management System is a comprehensive management framework that ensures a coordinated and organized response to any and all emergency incidents.

### **DISASTER**

As defined by the *Emergency Program Act* disaster means a calamity that:

- (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion or technical failure or by the forces of nature, and
- (b) has resulted in serious harm to the health, safety or welfare of people, or in widespread damage to property

### **EMERGENCY**

As defined by the *Emergency Program Act* emergency means a present or imminent event or circumstances that:

- (a) is caused by accident, fire, explosion, technical failure or the forces of nature, and
- (b) requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of a person or to limit damage to property

### **FARM BUSINESS**

Defined by the *Farm Practices Protection Act*. This is those farm businesses where a reasonable expectation of income, based on sales, is anticipated including, but not limited to, the rearing and keeping of livestock.

### **LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK RAISING**

Defined by the Assessment Act, classification of Land as a Farm Regulation. It does not include the keeping of pets such as members of the Canis or Felis, hobby farms or animals kept within the confines of a home.

## FARM OPERATION

As defined by the *Farm Practices Protection Act*, 'farm operation' means any of the following activities involved in carrying on a farm business:

- (a) growing, producing, raising or keeping animals or plants, including mushrooms or the primary products of those plants or animals;
- (b) clearing, draining, irrigating or cultivating land;
- (c) using farm machinery, equipment, devices, materials and structures;
- (d) applying fertilizers, manure, pesticides and biological control agents, including by ground or aerial spraying;
- (e) conducting any other agricultural activity on, in or over agricultural land;

and includes

- (f) intensively cultivating in plantations, any
  - i. specialty wood crops, or
  - ii. special fibre crops prescribed by the minister;
- (g) conducting turf production
  - i. outside of an agricultural land reserve, or
  - ii. in an agricultural land reserve with the approval under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission;
- (h) aquaculture as defined in the *Fisheries Act* if carried on by a person licensed, under Part 3 of that Act, to carry on the business of aquaculture;
- (i) raising or keeping game, within the meaning of the *Game Farm Act*, by a person licensed to do so under that Act;
- (j) raising or keeping fur bearing animals, within the meaning of the *Fur Farm Act*, by a person licensed to do so under the Act;
- (k) processing or direct marketing by a farmer of one or both of
  - i. the products of a farm owned or operated by the farmer, and
  - ii. within limits prescribed by the minister, products not of that farm, to the extent that the processing or marketing of those products is conducted on the farmer's farm;

but does not include

- iii. an activity, other than grazing or hay cutting, if the activity constitutes a forest practice as defined in the *Forest and Range Practices Act*;
- iv. breeding pets or operating a kennel;
- v. growing, producing, raising or keeping exotic animals, except types of exotic animals prescribed by the minister;

### SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

#### Eligibility for Evacuation Assistance

During an emergency or disaster as defined by the *Emergency Program Act* support to livestock owners for livestock evacuation may be provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo under the following conditions:

1. there is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Nanaimo that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. the livestock owner is considered to be operating a 'farm operation' as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;
4. primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster;
5. the Regional District of Nanaimo has issued a formal 'Evacuation Alert' and,
6. the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director, the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

To receive the above noted support, livestock owners must:

1. request authorization from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. request 'Expenditure Authorization' from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture;  
**ONLY PRE-APPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED.**
3. provide primary contact information to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture;
4. be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. be responsible for the management of their livestock;
6. once the 'Evacuation Alert' or 'Evacuation Order' has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and
7. submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC for reimbursement.

#### Eligibility for Disaster Financial Assistance

BC's Disaster Financial Assistance Program (DFA) helps those impacted by a disaster cope with the cost of repairs and recovery from **uninsurable disaster-related property damage**.

To be eligible for assistance, the damage must be from an event that is uninsurable including overland flooding and groundwater seepage. Insurable damages, such as sewer or sump pit back up, water entry

from above ground including roofs, windows or other areas of the building that are not at ground level, and are not eligible for DFA. Snow load, wind, fire and earthquake damage are also insurable and therefore not eligible for assistance. Damages from certain mud slides may be eligible, provided it can be shown that the mud slide is the direct result of heavy rainfall or other sudden catastrophic event, and not caused by pre-existing slope instability.

#### **SECTION 4: LEGAL AUTHORITY**

##### **Legislation, Regulations, Guidelines and Policy**

- *Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Measures Bylaw No. 1416, 2005*
- *Emergency Program Act*
- *Emergency Program Act Local Authority Management Regulation*
- *Emergency Program Management Regulations*
- *Emergency Program Act Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation*
- *Farm Practices Protection Act*
- *Range Act*
- *Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs – A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations*

#### **SECTION 5: AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY**

##### **Livestock Owners**

Livestock owners must make every effort to be self-sufficient in emergencies or disasters. The Regional District of Nanaimo may provide the following support for a period of up to a maximum of 72 hours, if livestock are evacuated:

1. shelter or contained area that will provide for the containment and safety of evacuated livestock;
2. transportation for livestock from the evacuation area to the designated shelter or containment area;
3. provision of food for feeding livestock at the shelter or contained area; and
4. restoration of facilities used for those purposes during an emergency or disaster.

but does not include:

5. feeding of livestock;
6. veterinary care of livestock; and
7. corralling and management of livestock.

The above noted support may be provided under the following conditions:

1. there is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Nanaimo that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. the livestock owner is considered to be operating a 'farm operation' as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. the animals being evacuated are considered 'livestock' as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
4. livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;
5. primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster.;
6. the Regional District of Nanaimo has issued a formal 'Evacuation Alert'; and
7. the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director, the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

Requests for extension of livestock assistance may be approved by the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director in Consultation with the Board Chair and EMBC.

To receive the above noted support livestock owners must:

1. request authorization from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. request 'Expenditure Authorization' from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture, **ONLY PRE-APPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED.**
3. provide primary contact information to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC through designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture;
4. be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. be responsible for management of their livestock;
6. once the 'Evacuation Alert' or 'Evacuation Order' has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and
7. submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC for reimbursement.

### **Regional District of Nanaimo**

Regional District of Nanaimo may:

1. provide direction and control of the emergency response.
2. consult with the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander regarding direction on the potential of a livestock evacuation during a wildfire.

3. consult with the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and designated Coordinator for the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
4. provide ongoing information and updated status reports to the public and livestock owners regarding livestock evacuation.

### **Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management**

The Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management may provide:

1. Information to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate on the potential need of an evacuation status (Alert or Order) during a wildfire.
2. Direction to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate that a livestock evacuation may be prudent in a specified 'Evacuation Alert' area.
3. Consultation with the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate and designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
4. Logistical support to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate and to the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture designated staff; such as helicopter fly over, location of livestock in relation to the fire, etc.
5. Advice to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate that a livestock evacuation may cease due to:
  - a. the need for an 'Evacuation Order'; or
  - b. the rescinding of an 'Evacuation Alert' or 'Evacuation Order' in a specified area.

### **Ministry Responsible for Agriculture**

The Ministry Responsible for Agriculture may:

1. Assign staff to assume the role of the Coordinator to support the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC with the livestock evacuation process.
2. Provide Ministry Responsible for Agriculture contact information to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC.
3. Be available to answer questions and provide direction to livestock owners, and the EOC Director or his/her designate, during a livestock evacuation including, but not limited to:
  - a. development of livestock management strategies that may include evacuation or shelter in place;
  - b. provision of evacuation routes;
  - c. assistance with securing:
    - i. transportation if required;
    - ii. alternative shelter or containment areas; and
    - iii. food for the livestock

4. Consult with Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate, Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander regarding the safety of livestock evacuation in an evacuated area.
5. Make contact with livestock owners to discuss livestock management strategies during an emergency event which may include evacuation.
6. Obtain authorization from the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC for a livestock owner to evacuate their livestock under the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Response Plan.
7. Assist livestock owners with sourcing required resources for the purpose of evacuating livestock.
8. Obtain an authorized purchase order from the Regional District of Nanaimo for all purchases. **ONLY PRE-APPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED.**
9. Provide the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC with a daily update of active livestock evacuations and the estimated expenditures.
10. Once livestock has been removed from temporary shelters or contained areas, by livestock owners, provide a recovery plan to the Regional District of Nanaimo and organize suppliers of service, for the necessary repairs to the area to bring it back to pre-emergency condition.

### **Suppliers of Service**

1. Suppliers of services (ie: ranches, farms, feed stores, stables) will obtain authorized purchase orders from the Regional District of Nanaimo prior to provision of the service. Authorization will be organized through the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture.
2. Suppliers of services will send invoices to the Regional District of Nanaimo for all goods and services that have been approved and provided.
3. Regional District of Nanaimo must certify that the goods and services were received prior to payment.

## **SECTION 6: ACTIVATION**

### **ACTIVATION**

This plan assumes that the Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan will not be implemented unless a wildfire or other emergency has already activated the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC and that the EOC is operating under an Emergency Management BC Task Number.

Under the direction of the EOC Director or his/her designate, the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan may be activated as follows:

### **Levels of Activation**

During an emergency or disaster the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander may provide direction to the EOC Director, or his/her designate, to prepare to implement the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan, based on the potential of the emergency or disaster to escalate and affect livestock. *(See appended Livestock Evacuation Planning Checklists for each Response Level).*

The Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander may provide this direction as follows:

**1. Level 1 – Standby:**

The Regional District of Nanaimo EOC staff and Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff may begin planning to address livestock issues. The planning will consider strategies to address responder and producer safety and animal welfare, while considering financial, social, environmental impacts of the strategies. The strategies may be shelter in place or potential livestock evacuation.

**2. Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

Due to the enormity of the task of evacuating livestock, once the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander has declared that for the safety of livestock an evacuation may be prudent, the EOC may begin the implementation of the Regional District of Nanaimo Livestock Evacuation Plan.

**3. Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ has been issued:**

- a. To provide for the safety of first responders, residents and livestock owners, once an Evacuation Order has been executed by the Regional District of Nanaimo there will be no re-entry into an Evacuated Area.
- b. Under special circumstances, with approval from the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander, the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate, permission to continue a livestock evacuation within a specified section of an evacuated area may be granted.

**4. Level 4 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ rescind:**

Once the ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ has been rescinded the livestock owner must within four days assume the full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at the owner’s expense from the temporary livestock holding area.

**EOC PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES**

In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Plan, the EOC Director or his/her designate may consider the following actions if the event requires livestock evacuation:

## EOC Director

### Level 1 – Standby:

1. Convene an EOC Management Meeting.
2. Instruct the EOC Management Team that there is a potential for the Regional District of Nanaimo Livestock Evacuation Plan to be implemented.
3. Request the Planning Section Chief to distribute the Regional District of Nanaimo Livestock Evacuation Plan to all members of the EOC Management Team for advanced planning purposes.
4. Establish a time for the next EOC Management Meeting.
5. Advise the Policy Group of the potential implementation of the Regional District of Nanaimo's Livestock Evacuation Plan.

### Level 2 – 'Evacuation Alert has been issued:

1. Convene an EOC Management Meeting.
2. Consult with the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture regarding the safety and need, for continuing livestock evacuation in a specified area of an evacuation area.
3. Instruct the EOC Management Team that all livestock evacuation actions cease and all livestock owners and other response agencies must evacuate the area immediately, subject to provisions made in item 2 above.
4. Establish a time for the next EOC Management Meeting.
5. Advise the Policy Group that the EOC has ceased evacuation of livestock in the affected area.
6. If the initial 72 hours has passed, the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director and the Chair of the Board may consult with the Ministry Responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to consider extending the time for providing shelter and food for livestock.

## LIAISON OFFICER

### Level 1 – Standby:

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, establish communications with the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to:
  - a. Advise that there is a potential for a livestock evacuation and request they commence advanced planning.
  - b. Ensure that the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff has a copy of the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan which outlines the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture responsibilities.

- c. Provide the name and contact information for the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture, and other staff involved together with and outline their responsibilities.
2. Take all livestock owner inquiries and advise that the Regional District of Nanaimo is in Level 1-Standby status of the livestock evacuation.

**Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

1. Forward any and all inquiries from livestock owners to the designated Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff.
2. Forward all inquiries from the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff to the Operations Section Chief.

**Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ has been issued:**

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, work with the Information Officer, to include information regarding livestock evacuation in all public announcements via all media resources available to the Regional District of Nanaimo.
2. Work with the Information Officer to update the Call Centre binders and direct Call Centre staff to continue to forward all livestock owner inquiries to the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture.
3. Work with the Information Officer to prepare and provide an up to date report on the public announcement and website information placement at all EOC Management Meetings.

**Level 4 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ rescind:**

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, include information regarding the responsibility of all livestock owners to make arrangements for the removal of all livestock from the temporary shelter of containment area within four days.

**OPERATIONS SECTION CHIEF**

**Level 1 - Standby:**

1. With direction from the EOC Director, or his/her designate, contact designated Ministry Responsible for Agriculture staff to implement the evacuation of livestock from the affected area.

**Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

1. Once the EOC Director or his/her designate confirms a livestock evacuation may commence, contact the designated Coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to review protocols of the Regional District of Nanaimo’s Emergency Livestock Evacuation Plan regarding authorization for evacuation and expenditures.
2. Set up regular reporting protocols for the Operation Section staff.
3. Maintain a list of the active livestock evacuations including;
  - a. the type of livestock evacuated;

- b. the number of livestock evacuated by type;
  - c. the number of livestock deaths by type; and
  - d. livestock disposal by type
  - e. Form 514 – Request for Resources sent to Logistics and copied to Planning, Finance/Administration and the EOC Director
4. Prepare and provide an up to date report on the progress of the livestock evacuation for EOC Management Meetings.

**Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ has been issued:**

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Operations Section staff are aware of the cease livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within an evacuated area.
2. Advise the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture to cease livestock evacuation and ensure that all personnel are evacuated or evacuating the affected area immediately, subject to special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.
3. Where special arrangements have been made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area, continue to monitor and maintain a list of active livestock evacuations and provide reports to EOC Management meetings.
4. If the initial 72 hours has passed, request information from the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director regarding extending the time for providing shelter and food for livestock.

**Level 4 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ rescind:**

1. Once an Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order rescind has been confirmed by the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director, contact the designated Coordinator for the Ministry responsible for Agriculture to advise all livestock owners they must assume full responsibility of the livestock within four days and that they are to immediately make arrangements to move the livestock from the temporary livestock holding area, at the expense of the livestock owner.
2. Confirm with the designated Coordinator for the Ministry responsible for Agriculture that they will ensure that the facilities used to shelter or contain livestock are repaired to pre-emergency condition.

**PLANNING SECTION CHIEF**

**Level 1 – Standby:** Meet with the Operations Section Chief, Finance/Administration Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the excavation process.

**Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

1. Once livestock evacuation commencement is confirmed by the EOC Director or his/her designate, provide the EOC Director and all Function Section Chiefs with an advanced plan and authorization protocols.
2. Ensure all future Situation Reports include up to date information regarding the livestock evacuation process, including but not limited to:
  - a. The types of animals being evacuated (see Operations Section Chief);
  - b. The number of animals evacuated, dead, or disposed of (see Operations Section Chief);
  - c. Attach any outstanding form 514-Resource Requests (see Finance/Administration Section Chief).
3. Work on demobilization and recovery plans.

**Level 3 - ‘Evacuation Order has’ been issued:**

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Planning Section staff are aware of the livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

**Level 4 - ‘Evacuation Order’ or ‘Evacuation Alert’ rescind:**

1. Review demobilization and recovery plans with the EOC Director;
2. At the direction of the EOC Director implement demobilization and recovery plans.

**LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF**

**Level 1 – Standby:**

1. Meet with Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief and Finance/Administration Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the evacuation process.

**Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

1. Set up regular reporting protocols;
2. Maintain a list of all:
  - a. EOC Form 514 – Request for Resources or Assistance received from Operations Section
  - b. EOC Form 530 – Expenditure Authorization Form received from Finance/Administration Section
  - c. Resources ordered and received.
3. Provide an up to date report on all activities for EOC Management Meetings.

**Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ has been issued:**

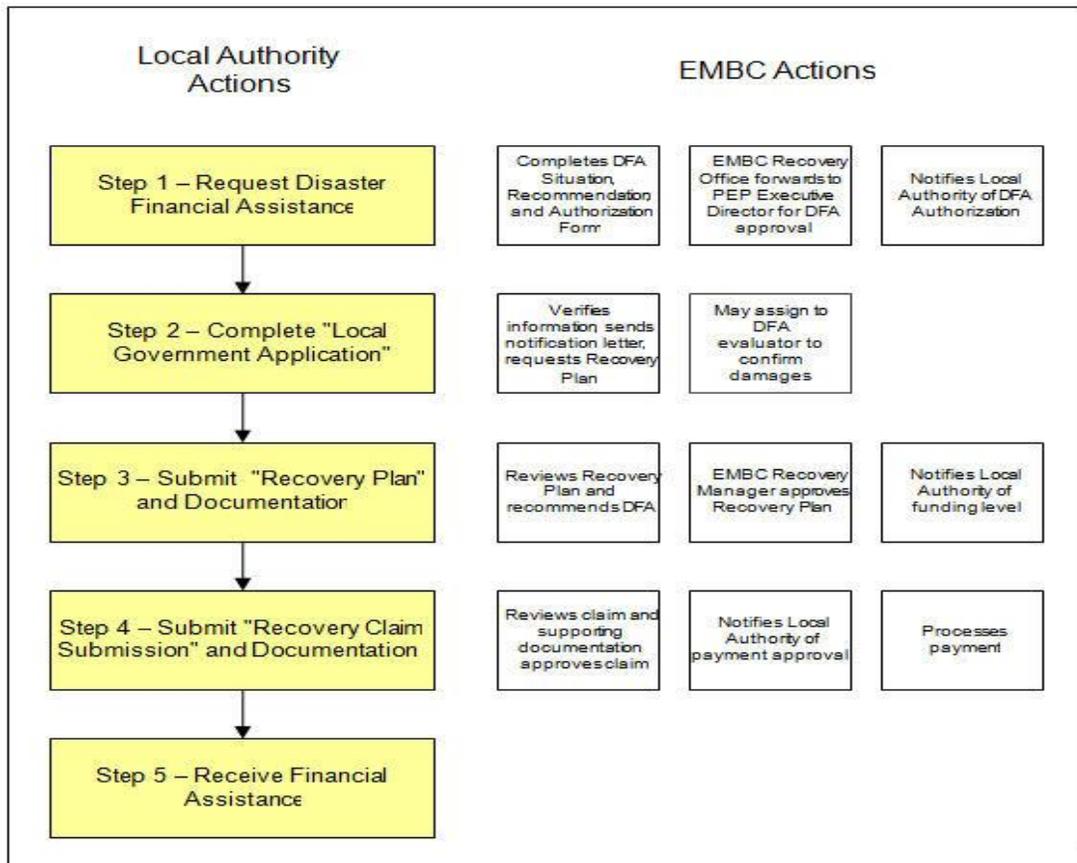
1. Once an ‘Evacuation Order’ has been confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Logistics Section staff are aware of the livestock evacuation order, and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

**Level 4 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ rescind:**

1. Once an ‘Evacuation Alert Rescind’ or ‘Evacuation Order Rescind’ has been confirmed by the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate, provision of food and shelter for livestock cease four days after the rescind order has been issued.
2. Request services are provided to areas used for shelter or containment after the four day period for repairs and maintenance back to pre-emergency condition.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION CHIEF**

**Level 1 – Stand By:**



1. Review the *Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs – A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations Guide* to confirm eligible and ineligible expenses. Ensure the copy you are working from has not been changed or updated (see [www.pep.bc.ca/dfa\\_claims/Financial\\_Assistance\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.pep.bc.ca/dfa_claims/Financial_Assistance_Guide.pdf) for the most recent edition of the guide.
  1. Meet with Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief and Logistics Section Chief to establish authorization protocols and identify potential resources required to support the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture and livestock owners in the evacuation process.

**Level 2 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ has been issued:**

1. Review and submit all EOC Form 514 – Request for Resources or Assistance received from Logistics to EMBC;
2. Maintain a list of all:
  - a. Requests for Assistance received from livestock owners received and approved;
  - b. EOC Form 530 – EOC Daily Expenditures for livestock evacuation.
3. Set up regular reporting protocols
4. Prepare and provide an up to date report on daily expenditures for EOC Management Meetings.
5. Provide the Planning Section with copies of any outstanding EOC Form 530-Expenditure Authorization forms for the daily situation report.

**Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ has been issued:**

1. Once confirmed by the EOC Director, or his/her designate, ensure that Finance/Administration Section staff are aware of the livestock evacuation order and/or any special arrangements made for continued livestock evacuations within a specified evacuated area.

**Level 4 – ‘Evacuation Alert’ or ‘Evacuation Order’ rescind:**

1. Once an ‘Evacuation Alert Rescind’ or ‘Evacuation Order Rescind’ has been confirmed by the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director or his/her designate, ensure all staff are aware that all invoices for livestock feeding and shelter services will only be eligible for four days past the date of the rescind order.
2. Invoices for services provided for areas used for shelter or containment dated after a four day period regarding repairs and maintenance to pre-emergency condition will be permitted.

## SECTION 7: Appendix “A”

### LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PLANNING CHECKLISTS

#### *Level 1- Standby*

- Hold meeting of farming community
- Explain current situation
- Ensure that livestock producers not directly at risk have a good stock of supplies, check their auxiliary power and have fuel on hand in case of isolation or loss of power utilities
- Locate volunteers to stand on a livestock evacuation committee representing farming, livestock and horse sectors
- Develop information about livestock by numbers, type and location
- Develop information on ownership and availability of staff and equipment suitable for stock movements
- Examine appropriate evacuation routes for livestock and determine availability of truck liners, portable chutes and alternative forms of transportation vehicles
- Determine insurance and liability exposure for volunteer vehicle movements of livestock
- Determine most appropriate locations for stock to be moved to and as well food and water requirements at these locations
- Take pictures of temporary holding areas in order to determine damage or standards for return to original condition
- Determine fencing requirements if required. Obtain suitable fencing standard
- Determine milking parlor availability for lactating cows
- Determine if any empty barns or farms in the area that can be co-opted for use
- Determine possible/probable locations that could house horses requiring barns and stalls
- Develop notification process
- Develop basic inventory of information on types of stock or exotics not generally viewed as livestock
- Develop roster of skilled livestock handlers/farm help that could assist with stock movements
- Ensure large animal veterinarian services are available for any stock move and capable of assessing bio-security needs if any, with stock movements
- Determine mortality carcass disposal procedures for on farm and centralized disposal (*See Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Plan*)
- Have volunteer deliver flyers to private horse owners to determine degree of preparedness
- Have liaison established with milk collectors for specialized, mobile or long hour milking parlor operations and product pick up
- Ensure any unidentified stock likely to be moved have ear tags affixed or paint branded

- Visit the site of any temporary holding areas and determine security, supplies, safety, fencing or similar issues
- If water is available on site, ensure testing for potability for livestock use
- Visit any volunteer dairy farms willing to do 'round the clock' milking to establish pasturing locations, stock movements, electric or wire fencing needs and any other logistical issues
- Initiate compilation of hazard and location specific Livestock Evacuation Plan
- Develop maps with documented animal numbers, locations and probable priorities for evacuation

***Level Two – ‘Evacuation Alert’ Has Been Issued***

- Mapping of ‘at risk’ locations completed
- Identifications of livestock evacuation sectors by probable priority completed. Owner list completed with addresses
- Contact made with Ministry responsible for Agriculture representative at the PREOC
- Agriculture volunteer staff callout list updated and complete
- Transportation equipment roster review and call out list complete for stock and horse trailers
- Livestock producers with larger herds put on Alert for possible evacuation recommendations
- EOC is checked to ensure livestock evacuation plan is current and complete
- Livestock evacuation trigger points reviewed again with farm evacuation committee
- Meeting held with farming community to explain conditions and intent of the livestock evacuation plan if not done in previous stage
- Questions or issues identified from meetings resolved and incorporated in the Evacuation Plan as required
- Handout prepared to alert farming community to current hazard conditions and expectations regarding anticipated weather or other relevant conditions
- Recommendations from Ministry responsible for Agriculture is incorporated in the Evacuation Plan

**Level 3 – ‘Evacuation Order’ Has Been Issued**

- Ensure evacuation initiated as required
- Ensure Alerts initiated to prompt livestock owners to start their own evacuation plans
- Deliver Alert Notices
- Monitor evacuation process through the EOC and livestock evacuation committee members
- Activate and prepare receiving areas and volunteers as required
- Ensure records kept of areas evacuated and areas not evacuated
- Identify any reluctant livestock owners and ensure they are fully conversant with risk and probable impact(s). Document all contacts carefully
- Inform the Ministry responsible for Agriculture of any ‘at risk’ areas not evacuated
- Develop strategies to assist with late evacuations, if any possible with the Ministry responsible for Agriculture
- Ensure contact with SPCA and confirm its role with respect to abandoned animals if any ‘abandoned’ livestock or animals are identified
- Ensure that where mutual aid from farm to farm or stable to stable has been assumed that these agreements are functioning without impediment
- Activate basic community pasture or paddocks for any animals without apparent organized destinations
- Ensure water troughs, hydrant connections and safety of water supply to shelter sites or paddock areas are in place and functioning
- Conduct fencing patrol of shelter paddocks and pastures
- Consider hiring security to patrol shelter sites if required
- Ensure adequate feed available appropriate to livestock type. Alert feed suppliers if necessary
- Ensure adequate bedding materials available appropriate to shelter and livestock type
- Advise livestock owners about the risks of moving dangerous animals such as bulls

***Response Phase Checklist:***

- Evacuation areas/shelter sites have been established
- EOC Operations are supported with livestock mapping on priority basis
- Impact on actual areas in relationship to previously identified livestock areas evaluated
- Recommendations made to the EOC Director regarding livestock evacuation if stock not yet moved
- EOC liaison staff appointed to work with livestock evacuation committee or individual farmers
- Livestock evacuation plan activated, if not already
- Farm producers evacuation committee alerted
- Horse owners committee alerted
- Animal transport procedure activated
- Volunteers briefed and provided with safety tips and safety briefing
- Volunteers dispatched as required
- Incident Commander(s) made aware of livestock evacuation underway
- Areas designated to receive animals alerted and receiving volunteers in place
- Feed and water provision made for holding/shelter locations
- Security in place for holding/shelter locations
- Verify records of animals by ownership prepared
- Fencing checked
- Livestock transport appropriately managed and organized to fit in with people evacuation
- Evacuation access and egress routes identified and animal transport drivers briefed
- EOC Livestock Liaison appointee meets with livestock evacuation committees to determine progress and logistical needs
- Animal rescue operations initiated if necessary and practical
- Liaison maintained with media through Information Officers

**Level 4 Evacuation Alert/Order Rescind:**

**Livestock Recovery – Short and Long Term Issues**

- Review of extent of damage in relationship to livestock grazing lands
- Review of extent of damaged area in relationship to horse paddocks
- Review of damage to stables and livestock barns
- Inspection required for parlors and on-farm processing facilities
- Review of appropriate clean up procedures, guidelines. Ongoing review with Ministry responsible for Agriculture
- Review of biohazard implications
- Review of repatriation of livestock procedures, priorities, transport etc.
- Preparation of claims process and assistance to livestock owners
- The Ministry responsible for Agriculture may or may not be involved in the claims process and provision of assistance to livestock owners
- Return of temporary pastures to original conditions, removal of fencing and filling of fence post holes
- Removal of animal carcasses – refer to the RDN's *Farmed Animal Mass Carcass Disposal Plan* for procedures for on-farm burial/composting or other forms of offsite disposal
- Debris removal and disposal
- Sanitation of areas, guidelines prepared and distributed
- Control of access to saturated pastures advised for animal health
- Testing of water to livestock undertaken
- Inspection for hazardous wastes undertaken
- Inspection for hazardous conditions or debris or sharp objects that could injure animals
- Removal of silt from barns if flooded
- Inspection of feed for contamination
- Inspection of fencing for flood caused damage
- Disposal of flood inspected bedding materials
- Inspection of sewage lagoons and manure pits
- Garbage to dumpster pick up and disposal guidelines

## SECTION 8: Appendix “B”

### FORMS and BULLETINS

The following forms are available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/local-emergency-programs/eoc-forms>

as well as on SharePoint:

- EOC Form 501 – Situation Report
- EOC Form 512 –Task Registration Form
- EOC Form 514 – Request for Resources or Assistance
- EOC Form 530- Expenditure Authorization Form
- Daily Overtime Spreadsheet-Master
- EOC Form 532 – EOC Daily Expenditures

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/emergency-management-bc/policies>

- Provincial Support for Agricultural Businesses 2012
- 2011 Livestock and Poultry Reimbursement Rates, Ministry of Agriculture
- AgriBC Livestock Assessment Form





## **PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES**

### **GENERAL**

This procedure is a result of past interest by Emergency Management BC (EMBC), Ministry of Agriculture (AGRI) and local government staff relating to the conditions and reimbursement options relating to livestock evacuations during times of emergency. Traditionally livestock (and agricultural businesses generally) were treated similarly to the policy for evacuation of humans and chattels. Because of the size and scale of agricultural businesses and time needed to evacuate, this procedure allows for evacuation of agricultural businesses during an evacuation ‘alert’ stage.

Agricultural business operations are defined by the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act*. Generally this is those business operations where a reasonable expectation of profit, based on sales, is anticipated including, but not limited to, the rearing and keeping of livestock, cultivation of plants or other related operation is identified. Agricultural business operations do not include the keeping of pets such as members of the genus *Canus* or *Felis* or animals kept within the confines of a home. It also does not include game kept under permit issued by the provincial or federal governments.

### **POLICY**

EMBC will reimburse local authorities and First Nations as per the EMBC *Financial Assistance Guide for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs* for response costs related to their support of agricultural business evacuations during an emergency response.

Rates for reimbursement shall be based on rate cards (sample attached) negotiated prior to the time of event in form similar to rate cards dated June 6th, 2007.

### **CONDITIONS**

This procedure will only be considered when the listed conditions are met and a request is made by the local authority.

- An EMBC task number has been issued for the emergency.
- The agricultural business operator has requested assistance through his or her local authority EOC.
- An evaluation of risk and capacity is completed by AGRI with applicable stakeholders (for example, in wildfire it will be Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations – Range Branch and Wildfire Management Branch) and using the attached threat assessment form.

Agricultural business evacuations can occur during evacuation alert stage set by local authority.

Reimbursement rates including costs for return of agricultural business operations will only be considered for a maximum of four (4) days following declaration of “all clear”, unless a specific exception is approved by EMBC.

Animals not claimed after the “all clear” is issued plus four (4) days shall be dealt with using the procedures of the Pound District Regulation of the *Livestock Act*.

**PROCEDURE**

**Risk Assessment**

- Collaboration and agreement on the risk assessment to agricultural businesses, that would warrant approval by EMBC for activating the Provincial Support for Agricultural Businesses procedure, will be conducted jointly by AGRI staff working with local authority, hazard specialists, the Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) and Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC). This assessment will define the level of risk to agricultural businesses and the specific actions required to address the threat.
- In the case of a wildfire, AGRI , FLNR - Range Branch and Wildfire Management Branch will work the with local authority, agricultural business owners and applicable associations to seek most effective evacuation plans including costs for review and approval by EMBC.

EMBC will issue approval for the financial costs of the evacuation and care of the agricultural business inventory.

AGRI will work with owners to reduce the economic impact of an emergency on agricultural business operations.

Reimbursement claims must be submitted to the local authority for inclusion in their financial assistance submission for emergency response. The local authority must then ensure that a properly completed incident report, a signed expenditure approval form and all normally required receipts are forwarded to the EMBC regional office. The EMBC task number must be noted on all documentation.

**Attachments: AGRIBC Eligible Rate Card  
AGRIBC Livestock Threat Assessment**

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### 2.01 LIVESTOCK RELOCATION REIMBURSEMENT RATE CARD 2015

When the Province reimburses Local Authorities in BC for costs associated with relocating livestock during an emergency, the Province will apply the following rate limits.

POULTRY RATE		
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	REIMBURSEMENT RATE	UNIT
<b>Live Animal Transportation / Feed &amp; Housing During Relocations</b>		
Relocation of Birds: Broilers	\$0.15	per bird, per relocation event
<b>Mortality Transportation and Disposal (that occur during relocation)</b>		
Poultry – Liner (West Coast Reduction)	\$100.00	per liner, per hour
BEEF/DAIRY/SHEEP/HORSE RATE CARD		
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	REIMBURSEMENT RATE	UNIT
<b>Live Animal Transportation (one way)</b>		
Transport of Live Animals Using a Liner 100 km or less	\$140.00	per liner, per hour (cattle liner rate is based on 40 mature cows per liner)
Transport of Live Animals Using a Liner Greater than 100 km	\$140.00 + \$3.40	per hour for loading / unloading plus per loaded km
Transport of Live Animals Small Loads	\$85.00	per load, per hour
<b>Feed &amp; Housing During Relocation</b>		
Beef Cattle	\$3.00	per head, per day
Milk Cows – First 14 days	\$16.00	per head, per day
Milk Cows – After 14 days	\$8.00	per head, per day
Young stock and dry cows	\$3.00	per head, per day
Sheep	\$1.00	per head, per day
Horses	\$5.00	per head, per day
<b>Mortality Transportation and Disposal (that occurs during relocation)</b>		
Beef/Dairy SW & VI Regions	\$170.00	per head
Beef/Dairy BC Interior Regions	\$250.00	per head
Sheep	\$25.00	per head
Horses SW & VI Regions	\$250.00	per head
Horses BC Interior Regions	\$300.00	per head
Beef/Dairy/Sheep/Horse Liner Transportation to West Coast Reduction only	\$100.00	per liner, per hour

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SWINE RATE		
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	REIMBURSEMENT RATE	UNIT
<b>Live Animal Transportation (one way)</b>		
Transport of Live Animals Using a Liner 100 km or less Grower/Finisher	\$140.00	per liner, per hour
Transport of Live Animals Using a Liner Greater than 100 km Grower/Finisher	\$140.00 + \$3.40	per hour for loading/unloading plus per loaded km
Transport of Live Animals Small Loads 100 km or less Grower/Finisher	\$85.00	per load, per hour
<b>Feed &amp; Housing During Relocation</b>		
Grower/Finisher	\$2.00	per head, per day
<b>Mortality Transportation and Disposal (that occurs during relocation)</b>		
Transport to Other Rendering/Disposal Method	\$50.00	per head
Liner Transportation to West Coast Reduction	\$100.00	per liner, per hour
MILKING GOAT RATE		
ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	REIMBURSEMENT RATE	UNIT
<b>Live Animal Transportation (one way)</b>		
Transport of Live Animals Using A Liner 100 km or less	\$140.00	per liner, per hour
Transport of Live Animals Using a Liner Greater than 100 km	\$140.00 + \$3.40	per hour for loading/unloading plus per loaded km
Transport of Live Animals Small Loads 100 km or less	\$85.00	per hour
<b>Feed &amp; Housing During Relocation</b>		
Milking Goat – First 14 days	\$3.50	per head, per day
Milking Goat – After 14	\$1.50	per head, per day
Young stock and Dry Goats	\$1.00	per head, per day
<b>Mortality Transportation and Disposal (that occurs during relocation)</b>		
Transport to Other Rendering/Disposal Method	\$25.00	per head
Liner Transportation to West Coast Reduction	\$100.00	per load, per hour



**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) The Livestock Relocation Rate Card is supplemental to the Provincial Support for Livestock Relocation during an Emergency Policy and Procedures. Conditions and Procedures outlined in those documents must be met.
- (2) The Province will only reimburse local authorities for relocation costs incurred when either an evacuation alert or an evacuation order is in place.
- (3) Livestock and livestock raising are defined under the *Assessment Act* in the Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation. It does not include hobby farms, animals kept within the confines of a home or the keeping of pets (such as members of the genus *Canis* or *Felis*).
- (4) The livestock listed within the rate card (poultry/beef/dairy/sheep/horse/swine/goat) represent a significant portion livestock produced in BC. For livestock not listed within the rate card, BC Ministry of Agriculture staff are available to provide advice and guidance in order to modify or apply an appropriate rate.
- (5) To be eligible for these rates, service providers must make arrangements through their local authority's Emergency Operations Center.
- (6) Provincial reimbursement of local authority livestock relocation expenses will continue for 96 hours after the evacuation alert or order has been rescinded to provide for a safe return of all livestock. This includes feed and relocation costs.
- (7) The relocation of livestock may unintentionally result in mortalities. Where mortalities cannot be left on the farm and must be disposed of off-farm, the costs for carcass transportation and disposal are based on whole animal rendering. A dead stock handler or a rendering company would handle carcass disposal. The Local Authority would pay the dead stock handler or rendering company on receipt of an invoice for mortality disposal.

## AGRIBC LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>Task #</b>	<b>Specific Area:</b>	<b>Report Source:</b>
<b>Incident #</b>		<b>Branch</b>
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Location of Livestock:</b>	<b>Type of Threat to Livestock:</b>	<b>Level of Threat</b> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Contact Numbers</b>	<b>Type of Livestock:</b>	<b>Type of Assistance Available</b>
<b>Home:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	Assistance Eligible (AGRI Approval required): <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cell :</b>		Farm Status in BC: ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Work :</b>		Classified as Hobby Farm or Other:..... <input type="checkbox"/>
		Eligible for Assistance: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		EMBC Approved: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Evacuation</b>		
<b>Shelter in Place?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trigger Point Established for Evacuation?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Time required to gather livestock:</b>
<b>Evacuate Livestock?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>Loading Requirements (corrals, ramps):</b>
<b>Livestock Staged for Evacuation?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IC Approval of Trigger Point:</b>	<b>Staging Area:</b>
<b>Transportation Required</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Livestock Reception Site:</b>	
<b>Type of Transportation (i.e., carrier or herd)</b>	<b>Cost per day:</b>	
<b>Route:</b> Map Attached Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Feed, Water Required:</b>	
<b>Public Access/Egress Impacted by Livestock Removal</b>	<b>Comments:</b>	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Livestock Owner aware of return plan and return costs?</b>	
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Estimated Return Time after Rescind:</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>		

AGRIBC MEOC Distribution:  EOC Director       Operations Section Chief       Risk Management Officer       Information Officer  
 Planning Section Chief       Liaison Officer       Logistics Section Chief       Finance Section Chief

**The following Appendices contain personal contact information and are kept with RDN Emergency Services**

**SECTION 9: Appendix "C" LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATIONS AND COUNCILS (*provincial/regional*)**

**SECTION 10: Appendix "D" EQUIPMENT HIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**SECTION 11: Appendix "E" FEED AND FACILITY RESOURCES, LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**SECTION 14: Appendix "H" LIVESTOCK EVACUATION CONTAINMENT AND SHELTER SITES**

## **SECTION 12: Appendix “F”**

### **NOTICE OF RDN EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK EVACUATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **[name of disaster] INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**[date and time]**

As a result of increased risk to safety in the [name and location of emergency] in the [areas affected], the Regional District of Nanaimo has implemented the “*Regional District of Nanaimo Livestock Evacuation Plan*”.

Livestock owners who have livestock in the above noted area(s) please contact [designated coordinator for the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture] to request authorization for assistance.

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE**

Livestock owners must make every effort to be self-sufficient in emergencies or disasters. The Regional District of Nanaimo may provide the following support for a period of up to a maximum of 72 hours, if livestock are evacuated:

1. Shelter or contained area that will provide for the containment and safety of evacuated livestock;
2. Transportation for livestock from the evacuation area to the designated shelter or containment area;
3. Provision of food for feeding livestock at the shelter or contained area; and
4. Restoration of facilities used for those purposes during an emergency or disaster.

But does not include:

1. Feeding of livestock;
2. Veterinary care of livestock; and
3. Corralling and management of livestock

The above noted support may be provided under the following conditions:

1. There is an emergency or disaster declared by the Regional District of Nanaimo that warrants livestock evacuation implementation;
2. The livestock owner is considered to be operating a ‘farm operation’ as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
3. The animals being evacuated are considered ‘livestock’ as defined in Section 2 definitions of this document;
4. Livestock owners are not able to provide alternate accommodations;
5. Primary and secondary shelter or containment areas are uninhabitable due to an imminent or occurring emergency or disaster;
6. The Regional District of Nanaimo has issued a formal ‘Evacuation Alert’; and

7. The Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director, the Ministry responsible for Wildfire Management Incident Commander and the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator deem it prudent to proceed with an Emergency Livestock Evacuation in a specified area.

Requests for extension of livestock assistance may be approved by the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC Director in consultation with the Board Chair.

To receive the above noted support, livestock owners must:

1. Request authorization from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator for assistance in livestock evacuation;
2. Request 'Expenditure Authorization' from the Regional District of Nanaimo through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator. **ONLY PREAPPROVED EXPENDITURES WILL BE REIMBURSED.**
3. Provide primary contact information to Regional District of Nanaimo EOC through the Ministry Responsible for Agriculture Coordinator
4. Be responsible for management of the evacuation of their livestock;
5. Be responsible for management of their livestock;
6. Once the 'Evacuation Alert' or 'Evacuation Order' has been rescinded, within four days, the livestock owner must assume full responsibility of the livestock and immediately make arrangements to move the livestock at their own expense from the temporary livestock holding area; and
7. Submit all eligible paid invoices to the Regional District of Nanaimo EOC for reimbursement.

## **SECTION 13: Appendix “G”**

### **SUMMARY OF DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Those impacted by a disaster may apply to the province for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) where the losses could not be insured or where other programs are not available. Disaster financial assistance helps to replace or restore essential items and property that have been destroyed or damaged to pre-disaster condition.

Assistance is available to qualifying home owners, residential tenants, small businesses, farm owners, and charitable or volunteer organizations. Applicants should be aware of the following:

Financial assistance is provided for each accepted claim at 80 percent of the amount of total eligible damage that exceeds \$1,000, to a maximum limit of \$300,000.

Claims may be made in more than one category (e.g., home owner and farm owners).

A home owner or residential tenant must show that the home is their principal residence. Seasonal or recreational properties, hot tubs, patios, pools, garden tools, landscaping, luxury items (like jewelry, fur coats and collectibles), and recreational items (like bicycles) are not eligible for assistance.

Small business owners and farm owners must demonstrate it is their primary source of income. Owners of damaged rental property must apply and qualify as a small business.

Charitable or Volunteer Organizations must provide a benefit of service to the community at large.

Applications for DFA must be submitted to Emergency Management BC/ Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) within 90 days of the date that DFA was authorized.

Assistance is also available to local governments for emergency response measures authorized by PEP, including incremental costs associated with their Emergency Operations Centre. Financial assistance is provided for each accepted response claim at 100 percent.

Recovery measures to replace essential materials and rebuild or replace essential public infrastructures to the condition it was in before the disaster. Assistance is provided for each accepted recovery claim at 80 percent of the amount of total eligible damage that exceeds \$1,000.

Further information regarding DFA may be obtained from:

Provincial Emergency Program  
PO Box 9201 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9J1  
Phone: 1-888-257-4777 Toll Free  
Fax: 250-952-5542  
Email: [PEP.Funding@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PEP.Funding@gov.bc.ca)  
Website: [www.pep.bc.ca](http://www.pep.bc.ca)

## Assistance for Disasters and Emergencies – Summary of Available Programs

Loss	AGRI Program Coverage	Private Insurance Coverage	Disaster Financial Assistance (if declared eligible)
Hay – standing	Production Insurance*	No	No
Hay – reduced yield	Production Insurance*	No	No
Fencing – private land	No	Yes	Yes – only for uninsurable fencing that is owned by the farmer. Crown fencing is not eligible
Silage not packed – owners are evacuated	No covered	Yes – harvested crops can be covered	No
Spring and/or fall Crown range loss	No	No	No
Market garden- evacuated and could not irrigate or harvest	AgriStability	No	No
Livestock injuries	No	Yes	No
Livestock mortalities	No	Ye	No
Standing forage	Production Insurance*	No	No
Swathed forage	Production Insurance*	No	No
Baled forage still in field	No	Yes-harvested crops can be covered	No
Stored hay and feed	No	Yes- to \$25,000 under basic ranch package	Yes-only for uninsurable losses
Restoration of farmland	No	No	Yes-only up to the BC Assessment land value and/or program maximums
Infrastructure losses – on farm hydro, irrigation systems, private bridges, barns, greenhouses, milking equipment, livestock buildings	No	Yes	Yes-only for uninsurable losses
Bedding, pesticides, mulch, feed, seed, fertilizers, biocides, hormones and supplements essential to farm operations	No	No	Yes-only for uninsurable losses
Wildlife	Agriculture Wildlife Program – crop and livestock losses	No	No

\* For insurable perils only.