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*agricultural business preparedness assessment for ALL farm and ranch operations, regardless of commodity*



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The intent of **ReadyAG<sup>®</sup>** is to help farmers and ranchers become better prepared for disasters, so they can continue to be viable even in the face of disastrous events.

The **ReadyAG<sup>®</sup>** preparedness process directs farmers and ranchers to take a critical look at their agricultural operation, guiding them to determine areas that need improvement, thus helping them to become better prepared for any event that could disrupt their operation.

The **ReadyAG<sup>®</sup>** workbook contains questions for farmers and ranchers to consider and answer about various segments of their agricultural operation that may be vulnerable or at risk for disasters.



**If a DISASTER hit your Farm or Ranch today, would you still be in business next month?**

- FLOOD
- DROUGHT
- POWER OUTAGE
- DISEASE OUTBREAK
- TERRORIST INCIDENT
- WINTER STORM
- FIRE
- OTHER

**ReadyAG<sup>®</sup>**  
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**BEFORE disaster strikes, ReadyAG can help you:**

- IDENTIFY vulnerable areas of production and management
- PRIORITIZE areas to strengthen
- Create an ACTION PLAN specific for your operation
- Develop an accurate INVENTORY of your assets
- Identify and engage LOCAL CRITICAL SERVICES
- Find additional HELP

CATTLE    CROPS    DAIRY    FRUIT & VEGETABLES    SWINE    POULTRY

Information specific for every major agriculture commodity. Visit <http://readyag.psu.edu>

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## How this ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> Workbook is Organized

The preparedness and planning **GENERAL** worksheets are divided into four sections. The majority of functions on your operation will fit into these major areas. Your operation may be unique and include additional areas of concern. We encourage you to identify any additional or unique functions within your agricultural enterprise and address the vulnerability and risk associated with those production and management functions that are not included in this workbook. All producers should complete the GENERAL section, and the commodity section that represents your operation.

### **FACILITIES and MATERIALS.**

This section represents the structures, equipment, supplies, and other real property associated with your farming enterprise. All buildings, fields, orchards, animal areas, plant nursery area, feed storage and handling equipment, vehicles, equipment, supplies, product handling, and storage areas would be included in this section. The variety of supplies, materials, raw ingredients, feed, feed additives, fertilizer, pesticides, medicines, water, and other items and areas required for normal function of your agriculture business should be included in this section.



### **PEOPLE.**

This section includes anyone who has access, provides some service or function for you, works for you, or otherwise moves onto and from your agricultural enterprise. Included would be all employees, family members, service personnel, sales persons, delivery people, veterinarians, consultants, Extension Educators, customers, the general public, and invited and uninvited visitors.



### **PLANNING and PRACTICE.**

This section represents what takes place at your location. It includes the day-to-day activities, the routine function, and those activities that occur only at certain times such as harvest, or shipment of animals to another facility or to market. The activities of your business and the management for production practices are included such as use of footbaths for animals or visitors, use of quarantine areas, limited access to facilities, and the development and use of other security practices.



### **REVIEW and UPDATE.**

This section includes the items and practices that you should periodically check, review and update. Included would be insurance, how product and people move on your operation, locks, doors, gates, lights, security cameras, electronic monitoring equipment, gauges, inventories of pesticides, medicines, chemicals and other hazardous materials, worker protection standards training, pesticide training, first aid training, lists of critical contacts and phone numbers, emergency response plans, and other important functions and areas of concern that should be evaluated on a regular basis.

By taking a critical look at each of these areas, you can determine the areas and functions that need improvement to help you become better prepared for any event that could disrupt your operation. The intent is to help you become better prepared for all disasters, so you can continue to be a viable even in the face of disastrous events. The investment of time and resources to plan is significantly less than the costs of a disaster on those who are not prepared. Although it is not possible to plan for all possible scenarios, the plans and activities that you develop will help to reduce your level of risk and, therefore, improve your sustainability.



# How to fill out the ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> Worksheets

The worksheets in this workbook list questions about various segments of your agricultural operation that may be vulnerable or at risk. The questions in each section are intended to guide you through the most important functions of your agriculture enterprise. This workbook is a guide to make you aware of potential vulnerabilities and how you might address them, whether these factors are naturally occurring, human error, or intentional acts. Each question asks for your response about the **STATUS**, and **PRIORITY**, for each issue and provides space for **COMMENTS**.

TOPIC QUESTION	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Question .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High	
..... ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	

The **STATUS** column is answered “Done” or “Not Done”. If the question being asked is something that you are already doing and have in place on your operation, then answer “Done”. If you have not adopted the practice, then respond “Not Done”.

The **PRIORITY** column can be answered either “High”, or “Low”. If the management practice described in the question has not been implemented, the priority rating/ranking will allow you to determine its importance when considering its adoption. A “High” priority ranking indicates that this item could be critical to your operation and the need to adopt the practice as soon as practical. “Low” priority implies the practice is not needed, or can be adopted sometime in the future. It may be important, but it is not something that needs to be addressed in the immediate future. It is important that you provide an answer for the priority for every question.

To illustrate this important point, the **PRIORITY** column is used to indicate if a management practice is essential to keep your agriculture operation functioning. If asked if there is on-site back-up power available and you cannot continue normal operations without electricity, then the **PRIORITY** of this question is “High”, as in a dairy operation. If you lose electric power for several days without having a negative effect on your operation, then the response to **PRIORITY** would be “Low”. This could be the case for crop production prior to harvest and storage.

The **COMMENTS** column provides an area for your notes where you may indicate a need to adopt a practice, who to include in the decision/process, a timeframe to get it done, and possibly a time to revisit this item. This information should be used to add information to an action. The action plan is used to identify and address actions that can improve your level of preparedness and your ability to stay in business after a disaster.

The **ACTION PLAN** will be automatically generated for you if you complete the worksheets on-line. If you fill out a printed version of the worksheets, you will need to hand copy the “High” PRIORITY items from the worksheets onto a blank ACTION PLAN template – which is available to be printed from the ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> website. Transfer to the ACTION PLAN all questions in which your answer is “NOT Done” and “High” PRIORITY. This list will become **your** ACTION PLAN.





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**Every producer should complete this section regardless of what commodity is produced.**

NAME OF FARM OR RANCH		PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)		
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)		
911 OR STREET ADDRESS (NO RD OR P.O. BOX)		
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN 911 ADDRESS)		
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP
FARM OR RANCH PHONE NO.	HOME PHONE NO.	CELL PHONE NO.

<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Is your 911 address posted in 3-inch reflective numerals on your mailbox or a post at the road?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a permanently installed, well-hidden mailbox or lockbox that serves as an emergency information box for emergency personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do emergency personnel know where the emergency information box is located and know how to access it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have appropriate areas locked and/or gated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are the locks, fences, gates, and doors in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are facility keys secure and well controlled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Structures</b>			
Do you inspect all facilities for structural deficiencies; such as cracked concrete, broken latches, loose roofing or siding, broken glass, etc., and repair as necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a farm map with the contents of each building listed? <i>(see Farm and Ranch Maps)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are the buildings clearly identified on the map by name, number, or GPS coordinates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is all electrical wiring up to code?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all electrical devices in barns/sheds UL approved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all electrical boxes and water sources secured from unauthorized access?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have lighting in the right places for security, safety, and production purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all barns/sheds free of flammable debris, i.e. cobwebs, trash, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fire extinguishers easily accessible in strategic locations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fire extinguishers of the right size and type to combat electrical, fuel, or structural fires? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have alarms, electronic security or video surveillance cameras, as appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Structures</b> <i>(continued)</i>			
Do you know the snow load capacity of your building roofs or other structural limitations of your buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have all obstructions and places of concealment near facilities been removed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Roads</b>			
Are access roads adequate for emergency vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 20 feet wide?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capable of supporting vehicles weighing in excess of 40,000 lbs?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 14 feet height clearance?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetation trimmed at least 10 feet beyond the shoulder?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Water</b>			
Do you have a sufficient source of water for maintenance and emergency situations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are water sources for fire suppression identified and is that information shared with employees and emergency personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you marked the locations of water hoses that are used to fight fires?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is the water supply system secure? (including wellheads, pumps, and storage tanks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have an alternative source of water, especially for animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Vehicles and Equipment</b> <i>(see Inventory Lists)</i>			
Are all equipment, machinery, tools, vehicles, ATV's, snowmobiles, fuel, etc. inventoried or monitored, and VIN numbers maintained in a separate location?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you lock/secure your vehicles and equipment (sprayers, etc.) daily on and off the farm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are equipment keys secured and controlled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are firearms in a locked area and ammunition in a separate locked area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all farm/ranch vehicles equipped with fire extinguishers and first aid kits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Materials</b> <i>(see Inventory Lists)</i>			
Are pesticides, farm chemicals and medicines stored in a secure area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is access to pesticides, farm chemicals and medicines limited to trained personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are flammable materials, such as fuels, pesticides, paints, etc., stored at a low level away from other materials so they can be effectively cleaned up if spilled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are "Do Not Enter" signs or pictograms posted for hazardous materials and hazardous areas such as manure pits, animal areas, hazardous materials storage -- in languages understood by all employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have well-stocked first-aid kits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Power</b>			
Do you have an appropriately sized generator or other alternative source of electrical power? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you maintain and test your generator monthly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have fuel for generator(s) for emergency use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you train all employees on the safe operation of generators and associated equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have battery, hand-cranked, or solar-powered flashlights and radios; and are extra fresh batteries available in case of power failure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





<b>PEOPLE</b> <small>(see EMERGENCY Telephone Numbers)</small>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Is there a list of emergency telephone numbers in a language understood by all personnel located in visible location near every telephone? <i>(This list includes all emergency personnel, animal and environmental agencies, and help networks.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do employees and family members know where emergency telephone numbers are located?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do employees and family members know how to report an emergency on land-line phones or cell phones?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
In case of emergency, is contact information for all farm and ranch personnel posted in several places?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you prepared for isolation in case of severe storms over an extended period of time? <i>(Food, water, fuel, generator, etc., for humans and animals)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do family members and employees know how and where to “shelter in place” (interior room/shelter creating a barrier from outside contamination)? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do family members and employees know primary and alternative evacuation routes and emergency shelter locations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Family Members/Owners/Employees</b>			
Are family members and employees trained to identify, report, and handle suspicious situations and threats, farm problems, and emergency situations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are employees and family members trained to handle threats/emergency situations <i>(such as: snow, power loss, flood, tornado, etc)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do family members and employees know the location of first-aid kits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are family members and employees trained and up-to-date in first aid / CPR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do employees and family members know the location of simple tools and equipment <i>(fire extinguishers, shovels, rakes, water pumps, buckets, hoses, ladders)</i> and are they trained to fight fires?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a smoking policy that everyone follows?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PEOPLE <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Employee Management</b>			
Do you hire employees with security in mind?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you screen applicants thoroughly, including checking references and background checks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have all employees completed an I-9 form prior to employment? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you monitor new employees closely?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have employees been trained in how to report problems?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Visitor Policies</b>			
Do you have a visitor policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do all family members and employees know and follow the visitor policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you sign-in and verify all visitors? <i>(Include names/times, purpose of visit, contact information, and recent contact with animals, in U.S. and abroad.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all visitors closely supervised?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you require visitors, including service personnel, to wear disposable or washable boots?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you prevent the use of cell phones, cameras, and video recorders in your facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are other sanitary measures and supplies in place for visitors and for employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are service vehicles required to enter and leave property from one entrance/exit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Could you stop people from entering your property if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Do you conduct security checks of facilities on a random basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a contingency plan for meeting cash-flow needs after commodity loss/failure/recall?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Plans</b>			
Does your community have an emergency management plan in place that includes producers, and the agricultural industry?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a response plan in case of manure, fuel, fertilizer, pesticide, or other chemical spills?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you consult with experts for an assessment of potential hazards/risks and development of risk management plans? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you worked with your local fire department and law enforcement officials about visiting your farm for a safety and security check?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have emergency officials been given lists of pesticides/hazardous materials stored on the farm or ranch and/or instructions in dealing with farm equipment and storages facility emergencies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you identified vulnerable areas or areas of highest risk on the farm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you and business partners/family have an estate plan in place for business partners and family members in case of unforeseen death?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a business transfer plan in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If the primary decision makers for the farm or ranch is not available or is incapacitated, is there a plan for someone else (or multiple people) to make important decisions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have appropriate biosecurity protocols been developed, communicated to, and reviewed with all personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Records</b>			
Is all sensitive information stored in a secured area and shredded upon disposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are computer data record back-ups completed on a weekly basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is all computer back-up data stored off site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are your computers properly maintained and secured from unauthorized use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you keep computer virus protection software updated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have an up-to-date inventory of amounts of feed, fuel, supplies, fertilizers, and pesticides? <i>(see Inventory Lists)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do animals have permanent identification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Insurance</b>			
Are all insurance policies reviewed on an annual basis, or sooner if significant changes are made in structures, livestock, crops, land, equipment, liability, or when business entity changes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you review your insurance coverage with your agent annually to cover potential emergencies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Facilities and Materials</b>			
Are all farm roads posted with "No Trespassing" signs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you mark driveways, access lanes, and other items with markers before winter (before heavy snowfall and ground freezing temperatures)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are essential fuel reserves available at all times to operate the generator, plow driveways, and feed animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





<b>REVIEW and UPDATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Facilities and Materials</b>			
Do you review and update annually:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>warning signs, such as, do not enter, hazardous materials, and NO trespassing?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>back-up plans for water, fuel, supplies, etc?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>emergency lighting, alarms, motion detectors, and cameras?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all facilities, equipment, and security systems?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all fire extinguishers checked and charged; or replaced?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Planning and Training</b>			
Are all emergency telephone numbers updated as needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you conduct a mock emergency exercise annually including a fire drill?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you review and update on an annual basis, including when and how to implement these plans:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>risk management and biosecurity plans?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>your evacuation plan, stay-in-place plan, and shelter-in-place plan?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all security and emergency plans?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is there annual training on, or is there an annual review of:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>security procedures?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>employee policies?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>safe work practices?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to handle threats and emergency situations?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>biosecurity protocols?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



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CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP
FARM OR RANCH PHONE NO.	HOME PHONE NO.	CELL PHONE NO.

<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are there a minimum of 30 days of feed for animals stored on the farm/ranch, in the event that pasture or off-farm feed access is restricted due to disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are there redundant water sources/systems for cattle, in the event animals are unreachable for several days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is an animal identification system in use that permits identification of animals in the event they are stolen, lost or mixed with animals owned by others?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are cattle handling facilities designed to minimize stress on animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are animal handling facilities designed to enhance worker safety?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are feed/forage supplies stored in multiple locations to reduce the risk of loss in fire?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are backup business records, including animal identification and production records, stored at remote locations other than the farm/ranch headquarters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are areas adjacent to farm/ranch buildings maintained free of grass, weeds, shrubs, and other flammable material to reduce wildfire risk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are trees and brush cleared an adequate distance from structures to reduce wild fire risk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are permanent firebreaks to protect farm structures identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are potential firebreak sites for the farm/ranch identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all ranch properties posted appropriately for hunting/trespassing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are livestock areas including pastures and feed areas locked to restrict unauthorized access?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are animal carcass disposal sites identified and verified with local/state authorities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are water storage facilities (ponds, dams or tanks) available and accessible to supply water for fire suppression?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are facilities available to isolate/quarantine sick animals or newly arrived animals from other animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fire extinguisher locations clearly marked and accessible near office, feed mill and other appropriate locations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS (continued)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are offices, feed mill, animal hospital, etc. locked daily?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are feed storage, supplies, animal hospital, and other critical areas maintained so as to minimize access by insects, rodents, and birds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are livestock areas clearly posted with warning signs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is visitor access controlled/monitored by security personnel or electronic security equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are livestock trailers equipped with non-skid flooring?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PEOPLE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are owner/operators and workers trained in proper animal handling to minimize stress and danger to the animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained in proper animal handling during periods of extreme heat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained to recognize common animal disease symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained to recognize foreign animal disease symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained in proper action and notification procedures if a foreign animal disease is suspected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have owner/operators and workers completed a beef quality assurance or equivalent training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained in proper animal carcass disposal procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers trained in biosecurity plans including isolation of sick animals and quarantine of newly arrived animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators aware of state/federal disaster and other assistance or risk management programs that may be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you trained employees on Diseases that cattle can transmit to people?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you conduct proper biosecurity screening to All visitors, especially those who have recently traveled out of the country?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Can owner/operators and workers identify endemic diseases, like Anthrax, that may exist in your region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do owner/operators and workers know the conditions under which endemic disease may re-emerge or pose an enhanced threat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Can owner/operators and workers identify diseases carried by endemic wildlife that may pose a threat to domestic animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are animals counted and monitored regularly to prevent theft and evaluate health status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a feed storage plan in place to ensure animals would have access to feed if unreachable for several days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a plan in place to evacuate or relocate animals in advance of storms, if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a plan in place to relocate animals out of low-lying areas in the event of floods or snow accumulations, if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a plan in place to relocate animals away from high risk wildfire areas, if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are pasture/grazing records available to identify locations from which animals could be lost during storms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are owner/operators and workers aware of the risk of fire from hay baled and stored with excessive moisture?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do owner/operators and workers know the proper management to reduce the risk of wet hay fires?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have owner/operators and workers evaluated the risk of wildfire to farm/ranch facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have owner/operators and workers evaluated the risk of wildfire to stored feed and forage supplies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have owner/operators and workers evaluated the risk of wildfire to your animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Can owner/operators and workers identify predators that are endemic in your region and represent a threat to your domestic animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES (continued)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Is a plan in place to reduce losses due to predators?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Can owner/operators and workers identify animal health threats, such as molds, aflatoxins, nitrates and prussic acid which may develop under certain environmental or management circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do owner/operators and workers know proper management techniques to reduce the risk of these animal health threats, such as molds, aflatoxins, nitrates and prussic acid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Can owner/operators and workers identify poisonous plants that are endemic in your regions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do owner/operators and workers know the conditions under which animals are at increased risk of ingesting poisonous plants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a carcass disposal plan in place that is consistent with local/state regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a mutual assistance plan in place with other producers for security monitoring and fire suppression?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are sick animals routinely isolated for treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a quarantine plan in place and followed for receiving new animals on the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you able to, and do you, isolate sick animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is an insect control program to limit disease threats in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a bird/rodent control plan in place to reduce disease and contamination threats?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a plan in place to delay sales and maintain animals in the event of a temporary market disruption or closure?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are records maintained to traceback animals, people and equipment that entered the property in the event that a disease is subsequently detected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

REVIEW and UPDATE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Do you have a written herd health/vaccination plan developed and reviewed annually with the vet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are biosecurity plans reviewed regularly with your veterinarian and with your employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a written agreement with other producers (locally and out-of-area) for acreage or building that might be available for alternative housing and feeding in case of emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have back-up plans for water, feed, and electricity been updated annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are insurance policies reviewed annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you reviewed contingency plans with all your employees, making certain new employees are familiar with the scope and objectives of the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have your facilities or operations changed in any way that will necessitate a change in the maps, diagrams or biosecurity procedures for your operation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do owner/operators and workers annually complete disease recognition training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are animal disease notification procedures and contact information reviewed and updated at least once per year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are cattle holding and handling facilities inspected regularly for damage and to ensure proper function?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are livestock trailers inspected regularly, especially to ensure solid flooring?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are feed and chemical inventories inspected regularly to ensure that products are safely stored, free of contamination and not past expiration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

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NAME OF FARM OR RANCH		PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)		
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)		
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FACILITIES and MATERIALS	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Are storage facilities (for equipment, fertilizer, chemicals, seed) equipped with alarms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are storage facilities equipped with video surveillance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fertilizer and chemical stores equipped with secure and tamper-evident locks and closures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are storage facilities appropriate for storing seed for the expected length of time between delivery and planting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If planting is delayed, are storage facilities adequate to store seed under warmer, more humid conditions for an extra month or two?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is fertilizer storage properly protected (with containment) against leakage? <i>(NOTE: this is in some cases a legal requirement, but not always for smaller containers such as farmers might have)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have containment facilities been inspected to make sure they will work if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is equipment used to apply fertilizer maintained in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If anhydrous ammonia is used as fertilizer and on-farm storage is in place, are the storage tanks inspected and maintained in good conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If solution nitrogen fertilizer (UAN) is used as a nitrogen fertilizer source and is stored on farm, are storage tanks maintained well and inspected as appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are harvesters (combines, forage harvesters, root crop lifters) maintained in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is drying equipment maintained well, and are safety procedures (for example, what to do if fire starts in a dryer) known to all?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all shields and other safety features in place and operating properly on all grain-handling equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have removable barriers (overhead electric lines, sharp turns, etc.) to safe transport and handling of grain been removed to the extent possible?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are bins or other storage structures used to store harvested crops locked and sealed in such ways that tampering would be detected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are dust control measures available in grain storage facilities to help prevent explosions fueled by airborne dust?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PEOPLE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Is there a background check, or at least a reference check, for all newly-hired operators?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all equipment operators fully familiar with the equipment they are authorized to operate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all operators trained on the use of safety equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Does new operator training include details on detecting mechanical problems, and on what to do when such problems arise?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do all operators have access to mobile communication equipment at all times during field operations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do spray equipment operators have appropriate pesticide operating licenses as required by law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators who apply pesticides trained well on existing equipment so they can operate it safely and effectively?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do those who order pesticide applications have adequate knowledge of pests and their management to make economically and environmentally sound decisions on what to apply, and when?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators who apply pesticides understand the importance of accurate, environmentally sound application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators know what pest they are applying pesticides against?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators able to know when an error has been made with regard to the material or rate they are asked to apply?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators of spray equipment knowledgeable about spray drift issues (wind speed and direction, presence of sensitive plants, animals, and habitats) to the extent that they can minimize drift incident numbers and severity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are personnel familiar with common insect pests and plant diseases, and would they be able to recognize uncommon insects or diseases?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators know how to use fertilizer application equipment, including rate calculations and guidelines on environmentally sound methods of application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PEOPLE <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
If anhydrous ammonia is used as a fertilizer nitrogen source, have all operators and handlers been trained in the safe handling and application of this material?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If UAN is used as a fertilizer material, are operators familiar with its properties, and are appropriate measures and equipment in place to allow its safe handling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators familiar with operating and safety procedures for all harvesting equipment? Have they been trained to use such procedures properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators able to detect things that go wrong during harvest operations, and to shut down the equipment properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have employees or family members who handle grain in bins been trained on safety procedures related to moving grain and grain in bins?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PLANNING and PRACTICES	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Is there a procedure, in addition to testing for licensure, to assure that Pesticide Applicators follow proper guidelines and procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is proper monitoring of alarms or video feeds maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are supplies of fertilizer and chemicals delivered in the fall, for storage in your facilities and use the next year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are bulk seed (delivered in large containers – not plastic-lined bags) storage facilities adequate to prevent deterioration (moisture and temperature controlled)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are identifying labels placed on <u>all</u> bulk seed and chemical containers/bags to the degree necessary to prevent mistaking one type of product from another?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are labels on bulk containers fixed in a way that they cannot be switched or altered by a person intent on doing so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PLANNING and PRACTICES <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Is there a procedure to generate and maintain a current master list for every piece of equipment and every storage unit for supplies, and the supplies stored there, for the entire operation showing the exact location, source, when delivered, placed by whom, quantity, access procedure and person responsible for access, and all other pertinent information? <i>(see Inventory Lists)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are chemical and fertilizer deliveries made by known persons, from known sources? <i>(Note: There are increasing amounts of "internet" purchases of such inputs, often from people and places unknown to the buyer.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is seed purchased from and delivered by known companies and persons?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Does seed come with certification of seed quality and purity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Does the seed label comply with the law in terms of showing germination and purity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Upon delivery does seed get visually inspected to be sure it's sound, normally-looking seed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are hybrids and varieties identified by name?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is fertilizer delivered with the proper form of analysis to identify what plant nutrients it contains, and certified with regard to presence of contaminants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If the seed is stated as being treated with materials like fungicide and insecticide, are materials and rates clearly stated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do seed shipments have the proper label and MSDS sheets to show how chemically treated seed is to be handled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is there a procedure to teach new operators how to operate equipment properly and safely?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is all operating equipment equipped with GPS in order to track all relevant operations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators know how to use GPS equipment to track locations of, and operations performed by, different field equipment, and do they know what to do if the GPS devices are not working properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



PLANNING and PRACTICES <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
If GPS-enabled operations, such as autosteer, are used on motorized equipment, are safeguards in place and are operators trained in the use/importance of the safeguards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is all safety equipment installed on all equipment fully operational?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are planters and planter performance monitors maintained adequately to ensure optimum efficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators able to detect and, where applicable, to fix problems with the planting operations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is tillage equipment matched to tractor size, and maintained in good conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are operators of large equipment aware of danger points along transport routes from field to field, and are appropriate actions taken to ensure safety for the operator and the public?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are pesticide application sprayers maintained well, with all safety equipment in place and functional?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are procedures in place to assure that operators use all required and recommended procedures, equipment, and clothing to minimize human exposure to pesticides?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are pesticides used in the farming operation stored, transported, and transferred in ways that are safe and that are as preventive of operator exposure and rate miscalculation as possible?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If aerial application of pesticides is done, is it done by experienced pilots who know how to do this safely?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If chemigation is done, are procedures in place to assure that the operators both know and follow regulations, including which chemical can be applied and under what conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fertilizer rates to be applied clear and unambiguous, and is it simple to set desired rates on the available equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If anhydrous ammonia is stored on the farm, are appropriate measures in place to prevent the theft or appropriation of this material for use in illegal drug manufacture?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PLANNING and PRACTICES <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Are personnel adequately familiar with different fertilizer materials to know if a delivered fertilizer material is not the one ordered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators know, and have available at all times, numbers to be called in case of emergencies with pesticide or fertilizer application, storage, or handling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are those who operate trucks to transport grain properly licensed and familiar with driving trucks off the road?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is proper illumination provided for night operations when harvesting or transporting harvested crops?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do operators know how to navigate “danger points” in the transport of grain from field to storage area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is safety equipment (breathing apparatus, harnesses, drop ropes) available and in good condition for those entering bins?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If grain storage bins are treated with pesticides, are operators trained to use the correct safety procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If fumigants are used for pest control, are operators adequately trained and licensed on their use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is grain from crops infected with toxin-producing fungi tested properly for the presence of mycotoxins?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If grain tests high for mycotoxins, are alternatives to sale or use as livestock feed available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is equipment available for workers to use in handling grain to avoid inhalation of harmful dust?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

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NAME OF FARM OR RANCH			PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)		
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)					
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)					
911 OR STREET ADDRESS (NO RD OR P.O. BOX)					
CITY OR TOWN		STATE		ZIP	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN 911 ADDRESS)					
CITY OR TOWN		STATE		ZIP	
FARM OR RANCH PHONE NO.		HOME PHONE NO.		CELL PHONE NO.	



FACILITIES and MATERIALS	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
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**General**

Are alleys grooved or roughed up to avoid slipping by cattle and humans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is bird access limited near bunker silos, barns, and other places where feed and livestock are located?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all fences and gates secured for cattle?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are manure storage structures protected from accidental or unauthorized access, such as by fences, and are they in excellent shape?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are "Do Not Enter" signs or pictograms posted around the manure collection and storage structures to warn of danger, and are they in languages understood by all employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have flotation devices, rescue devices, rowboats, if a lagoon is part of waste handling system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are fire extinguisher locations clearly marked and accessible near the milk parlor, milk house, compressor room, and main barn?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are signs posted in livestock areas warning of dangerous animals, and are they in languages understood by all employees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are milk houses and all milk supply areas locked daily?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are manure collection cross alleys grated, fenced off, and posted with warning signs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

**Power**

Is lighting sufficient for illumination to avoid tripping on alley scrapers, or falling into gutters or pits?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
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PEOPLE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
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**Family Members/Principals**

Do you and all employees watch for unusual symptoms or deaths of animals in the herd and around the farm? <i>(this includes wildlife that may come in contact with the herd)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
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PEOPLE (continued)	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Employee Management</b>			
Are employees trained annually on cow health issues such as: water quality, clean feed sources, proper barn ventilation, dairy records, proper milking procedures, milk quality and sanitation procedures, calf and heifer raising procedures, vaccinations, and other cattle care items?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you train family and all employees annually on the euthanasia plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you train family and all employees annually on the carcass disposal plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are cattle observed for gradual or rapid changes in appearances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you train employees annually in how to recognize and treat heat stress symptoms in people and cattle/livestock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you trained employees on diseases that cattle can transmit to people?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are employees trained annually on crop management, equipment maintenance, and other responsibilities they are assigned?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Visitor Policies</b>			
Do you conduct proper biosecurity screening to ALL visitors, especially those who have recently traveled out of the country?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you authorize and supervise all farm and ranch visitors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PLANNING and PRACTICES	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Plans</b>			
Do you direct all visitors and service providers to designated meeting places, and do you provide disposable booties, paper coveralls, foot baths, and wash basins for them to use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you quarantine new animals introduced into the herd for the time period recommended by your veterinarian?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you able to, and do you, isolate sick animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES (continued)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Plans (continued)</b>			
Are post-mortem exams performed as needed in a safe, clean area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is there a plan to feed animals for two or more days should the immediate source of feed become contaminated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan to dispose of milk without polluting should it be contaminated or not able to be shipped?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are there cash-flow plans if off market or dumping milk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a 7 day short-term financial cash-flow plan if milk is not able to be marketed? (Insurance, cash reserve, borrowing capacity, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan to dispose of crops should they be contaminated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan in place to monitor changes in crop appearances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have primary and back-up animal composting sites on and off farm or ranch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have composting sites been reviewed with NRCS or other advisors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have an emergency euthanasia plan in place for cattle?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If you must evacuate your farm or ranch without the animals, do you have a plan that provides enough hay, silage, and water for the animals for 48 hours?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a community biosecurity plan that includes other producers, veterinarians, emergency management, and allied industry?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a crisis management plan to deal with a manure spill or other disaster?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan to safely rescue an animal or human who falls into a waste handling lagoon?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Records</b>			
Do you have animal identification?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are vaccination records maintained? (dates, sources)	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you maintain a closed herd or obtain replacement animals from herds with known health history and with appropriate testing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

REVIEW and UPDATE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Planning and Training</b>			
Do you have a back-up plan for labor replacement should all of your labor become unavailable and has that plan been shared with those that could be affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have all employees and family been briefed on the plan to dispose of the herd should a catastrophe make them unfit for food or make it impossible to market them?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a written herd health/vaccination plan developed and reviewed annually with the vet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Facilities and Materials</b>			
Do you have a written agreement with other dairies (locally and out-of-area) for acreage or buildings that might be available for alternative housing and feeding in case of emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have back-up plans for water, feed, and electricity been updated annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

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NAME OF FARM OR RANCH		PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)		
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)		
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FACILITIES and MATERIALS	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
Is your operation in compliance with Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) or passed a 3rd party audit? <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Plant Materials</b>			
Do you purchase plants, seed and, propagation stock that are certified as free from known insects and diseases?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Fields/Production Areas</b>			
Are vulnerable areas (vegetable fields, strawberry beds, young trees, irrigation, and drainage ponds) fenced to prevent access from animals or humans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you take steps to ensure that soil from another farm is not transported onto the farm or ranch through muddy boots, vehicle tires, or cultivation equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are “No Trespassing” signs posted along crop borders to discourage off-road vehicle traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are “No Entry” signs posted in areas where pesticides have been applied, and are they in compliance with worker protection and community notification rules?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are there alarms at the farm or field entry points to automatically alert you when someone enters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Buildings</b>			
Are facilities (including pesticide storage areas) locked at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is there restricted entry to all storage, processing, and packing facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are signs clearly placed so that deliveries are made to the proper location?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Water Sources and Irrigation</b>			
Is the potable water supply protected from unauthorized use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are water resources secured and protected from potential contamination such as animal waste, chemical spills, or runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is the irrigation system (pumps, well heads, mains) checked regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a back-up system and fuel available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

FACILITIES and MATERIALS <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Greenhouses, Packing Houses, and Cold Storage Facilities</b>			
Are systems checked regularly:			
• ventilation system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• heating system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• lighting system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• watering system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are back-up systems in place for:			
• ventilation system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• heating system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• emergency lighting system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
• watering system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Controlled Atmosphere (CA) Storage</b>			
Are there warning signs posted on all doors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are employees trained in CA storage facility operations and safety?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PEOPLE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Family Members/Principles</b>			
Are responsible family members trained to manage greenhouses, packing and storage facilities in an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are responsible family members trained in back-up procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





PLANNING and PRACTICES <i>(continued)</i>	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Water Management</b>			
Are water conservation plans developed to adjust to dry/drought conditions, including identifying alternative water resources?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a triage plan for plantings in the event of a severe drought where water has to be rationed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you monitor water quality and runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
To reduce the risk for contamination, do you use potable water for irrigation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If using pond, stream, or well water for irrigation, are bacteria levels properly monitored?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a treatment system available to treat irrigation water if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you use drip/micro-irrigation to reduce the risk of contamination of edible plant parts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you disinfect water used to wash product?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Food Safety/GAPs <a href="http://www.GAPs.cornell.edu/">http://www.GAPs.cornell.edu/</a></b>			
If fresh manure is used as fertilizer, is it applied at least 120 days prior to harvest?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If manure is fully composted before using as a fertilizer, is it protected from recontamination and applied at least 60 days prior to harvest?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you developed a GAP Food Safety Policy Manual and/or HACCP plan for your packing, storage, and transportation systems?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are your packed crops labeled to identify field and date of harvest?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you prohibit personal items in food handling areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you reassign employees with minor illnesses to duties without direct contact with produce?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are employees with open wounds or cuts provided with plastic gloves or kept from direct contact with produce?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are field sanitation facilities (restrooms and hand-washing stations) in compliance with DOL and GAP standards for field workers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you post instructions to remind field workers to wash their hands prior to entering fields, picking produce, and/or eating?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>REVIEW and UPDATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are the grower/family and workers trained and updated regularly on:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>emergency management, Worker Protection Standards and food safety practices?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>biosecurity protocols?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are signs of suspicious activity, crop health problems, etc., reviewed regularly with workers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are emergency officials annually provided an updated list of pesticides and hazardous materials stored on the farm?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are agreements with back-up personnel reviewed annually? Are they trained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are written agreements in place with other growers and updated annually for emergency supplies of fuel, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

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NAME OF FARM OR RANCH		PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)		
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)		
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<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Poultry Houses</b>			
Is the ventilation system checked regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a back-up system and is fuel available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is the heating system checked regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a back-up system and fuel available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is the lighting system checked regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a reliable source for bedding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are alternative sources available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Specialized equipment</b>			
Are your cages in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are your enclosures in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are composters/pits/sheds in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are alternative composters/pits/sheds available if needed?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are automatic waterers checked/cleaned regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a back-up water supply available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are automatic feeders checked/cleaned regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is egg handling equipment checked/cleaned regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Waste Management</b>			
Do you have a manure/litter waste management system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have an alternative manure/litter waste management system in case something fails?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a mortality waste management system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have alternatives for your mortality waste management?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a mass mortality handling system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS (continued)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Feed</b>			
Do you have a 3 day supply of back-up feed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have alternative feed available?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Power</b>			
Is a back-up generator available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is back-up fuel (Propane, diesel, etc.) available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>PEOPLE</b>			
Is the contact information for family, employees, back-up personnel, company personnel, emergency personnel, suppliers, etc. posted in several obvious places?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Family Members/Employees</b>			
Are all family members and employees trained in biosecurity protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all family members and employees following biosecurity protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are responsible family members and employees trained to manage houses in an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are responsible family members and employees trained in back-up procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all family members and employees trained to identify and report suspicious situations, flock health problems, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have "off-farm" back-up personnel been identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Company Personnel</b>			
Are all problems immediately reported to the flock supervisor or other appropriate company personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Visitor Policies</b>			
Are all visitors restricted from approaching or entering poultry houses/facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are all farm and ranch authorized visitors closely supervised?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Is a plan in place for mass mortality carcass disposal (rendering, incineration, burial, composting) as per state regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Is a plan in place for utilization of manure and/or mortality as per State regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you know the requirements for emergency disposal of contaminated manure/mortality?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Does your state or industry have the equipment and trained personnel for depopulation, if required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Biosecurity Protocols</b>			
Are driveway entrances to the poultry facility gated and posted (No Admittance signs)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are poultry houses locked?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do growers and workers have separate clothing (shoes, boots, hat, gloves, coveralls, etc.) worn when caring for flocks, that is not worn off the farm or ranch?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
After caring for the flock, do growers and workers change all clothes completely, and wash hands and arms before leaving the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do growers and workers avoid visiting other poultry flocks, auctions, or sales where chickens and other poultry species are being displayed/sold?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do growers and workers avoid contact with wild waterfowl and backyard poultry flocks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
When attending essential grower meetings do growers shower and change clothing and footwear before attending, travel in a vehicle not used on the farm or ranch, and disinfect footwear and vehicle floor mats, and change clothing upon return before entering the poultry facility?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are motor vehicles entering the facility (poultry pickup or delivery, feed delivery, fuel delivery, etc) checked to ensure that they have been scrubbed down and the undercarriage and tires spray disinfected prior to entering?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES (continued)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Biosecurity Protocols (continued)</b>			
Are all coops, crates, and other poultry containers or equipment cleaned and disinfected prior to and following use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do essential visitors (poultry catchers, repairmen, service personnel, etc.) put on clean/disinfected protective outer clothing, including boots and headgear prior to approaching flocks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are tools and equipment used by essential visitors cleaned and disinfected before entering and upon leaving the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are essential visitors logged in, recording: name, company, address, telephone, and last place visited?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Records</b>			
Are records kept to document that biosecurity protocols are followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are detailed flock records kept, including vaccinations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are visitor and vehicle logs kept?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are records kept of meetings attended, visitors, deliveries, and other potential contamination risks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>REVIEW and UPDATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are the grower/family and workers trained and updated regularly on emergency house management?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are the grower/family and workers trained and updated regularly on biosecurity protocols?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are signs of suspicious activity, flock health problems, etc. reviewed regularly with workers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are agreements with outside back-up personnel reviewed annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are back-up personnel trained?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



<b>REVIEW and UPDATE</b> <i>(continued)</i>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Are written agreements in place with other growers and updated annually for emergency supplies of feed, fuel, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are back-up plans for water, feed, fuel, etc. updated annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Insurance</b> <i>(see References and Additional Resources)</i>			
Are insurance policies reviewed annually?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

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NAME OF FARM OR RANCH		PREMISES ID # (OPTIONAL)	
FARM OR RANCH OWNER(S)			
FARM OR RANCH OPERATOR (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER)			
911 OR STREET ADDRESS (NO RD OR P.O. BOX)			
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN 911 ADDRESS)			
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP	
FARM OR RANCH PHONE NO.	HOME PHONE NO.	CELL PHONE NO.	



<b>FACILITIES and MATERIALS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Do you have a buzzer at the farm or ranch or building entrance to automatically alert you when someone passes through?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you ask maintenance and service personnel where they have been before granting them access to your facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Structures</b>			
Have you developed maps and diagrams of your facilities? <i>(see Farm and Ranch Maps)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are maps in a secure area, away from the facility, and known only to you, your employees and emergency personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are the buildings clearly identified on the map by name, number, or GPS coordinates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are facilities and manure storage locked at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have flotation devices, rescue devices, rowboats, if a lagoon is part of waste handling system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are feed storage facilities located so that delivery trucks do not cross through lots or animal traffic flow patterns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are load-out areas designed to minimize the possibility of hogs re-entering the barn after moving into the load out area or onto the truck?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Vehicles and Equipment</b>			
Do you control the equipment and tools that are brought into your facility and require their cleaning and disinfection?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you use a tire and vehicle disinfection station at the entrance to your property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Can you quickly locate specialized equipment such as tractors with blades, backhoes, and equipment for transporting animals on short notice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

PEOPLE	STATUS	PRIORITY	COMMENTS
<b>Employee Management</b>			
Do you follow up with former employers when you observe suspicious behavior from an employee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are job applicants and references screened thoroughly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Employee Management (continued)</b>			
Are new employees aware, for the security of your operation, that they will be watched carefully for unusual or suspicious behavior? <i>(Remember that cell phones and digital cameras are easily concealed.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Visitor Policies</b>			
Could you stop people from entering your property if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you especially diligent in your verification of foreign visitors to be sure they are legitimate and have followed your biosecurity protocol for time away from pigs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you careful not to allow jewelry, watches, and eyeglasses into your facilities unless they can be cleaned and disinfected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you prevent the use of cell phones, cameras, and video recorders in your facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are you able to make personal contact with delivery drivers and maintenance personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are truck drivers prohibited from entering your buildings and load-out areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	





<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Plans</b>			
Have you developed a written herd health plan with your veterinarian?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you developed a disease profile of your herd from lab tests, slaughter checks, and observation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
With advice from your veterinarian, have you developed a standard operating procedure for minimizing the risk of carrying disease into your facilities via caretakers, and all categories of visitors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
With advice from your veterinarian, have you established a time that visitors must be away from other pigs before visiting your facility?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you and your employees follow the same protocol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
With advice from your veterinarian, have you established a vaccination schedule and parasite control program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you promptly report new diseases or unusual signs (blisters on snouts or feet; discoloration of ears, belly, rump or tail; neurological disorders) to your veterinarian or animal health official?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you make notes of unusual phone calls and persons who appear to show an interest in your operation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a response plan in case of manure, fuel, fertilizer, or pesticide spill?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan to safely rescue an animal or human who falls into a waste handling lagoon?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Do you have a plan for how you would handle a larger than usual or catastrophic number of mortalities (mass mortalities) ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>PLANNING and PRACTICES</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Facilities and Materials</b>			
Do you keep animals in age-segregated groups?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you established a consistent traffic pattern for pigs and people in the direction of highest risk to lowest risk?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are wildlife and pests, including feral swine, controlled near your facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Are mortalities composted, incinerated, or buried in an environmentally safe and bio-secure manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
If mortalities are rendered, is the mortality pick-up area located away from production facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

<b>REVIEW and UPDATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Planning and Training</b>			
Are the contacts and phone numbers on your emergency contact list up to date?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you contacted emergency officials in the last year to be sure they are aware of your contingency plan as well as the location of the maps and diagrams?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you reviewed contingency plans with all your employees, making certain new employees are familiar with the scope and objectives of the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have you ever conducted a mock emergency and do you involve your important contacts and emergency officials?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
<b>Facilities and Materials</b>			
Have you met with emergency officials to review your contingency plans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	
Have your facilities or operations changed in any way that will necessitate a change in the maps and diagrams?	<input type="checkbox"/> Done <input type="checkbox"/> Not Done	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low	



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## How is This Information Helpful ?

When you have completed these worksheets in the General and Commodity sections, the completed information should help you assess the level of emergency and disaster preparedness of your farm or ranch. What you do with the information that you have generated can be valuable to the sustainability and future of your operation.

If you use the information collected in this workbook to identify and prioritize critical items that need to be addressed, and then determine how, and when to fix or improve those critical areas of management that need to be addressed, you will have significantly improved the ability to withstand a major disaster to your agricultural business.

- Complete the worksheets, then go back and look at your answers to the questions.
- For each question where you checked “High” in the **PRIORITY** area, you should take whatever action necessary to be able to change your response from “Not Done” to “Done” in the **STATUS** area.

### EXAMPLE

To illustrate how you can use this information to improve the capability of your agricultural business to withstand disasters, let’s create a sample farm or ranch.

Sunny Hills Farm, owner John Smith, has completed the questions in this handout. In his response, John Smith indicates that he does not “screen job applicants thoroughly, including checking references and background checks” and it is ranked “High” in **PRIORITY**. Smith also records “Not Done” to the question “Is there a list of emergency telephone phone numbers located in a visible location near every telephone?” He also marks it as “High” **PRIORITY** item. Smith also marks “Not Done” to the question, “have back-up plans for water, feed, and electricity been updated annually?” He recognizes the importance for addressing this question and marks “High” **PRIORITY**.

Using just these three responses from John Smith, he creates a list of action items for Sunny Hills Farm.

1. Create backup plan for water, feed, and electricity.
2. Create and post emergency telephone numbers.
3. Screen and review job applications.

The comments section for each question can be used to jot down what needs to be done, who is responsible, and a timeframe to get it done. You can go back and mark the date when the work was completed.

## Creating an **ACTION PLAN**

To better frame these issues for action, compile a list of the questions of “High” **PRIORITY** that have been answered with a “Not Done”. Place these questions marked as “High” **PRIORITY** at the top of an action item list, and those questions marked with “Low” **PRIORITY** at lower rank on the action plan list. If you have completed the list of questions on-line, this list is created automatically for you. This web-based list of **ACTION** items is titled: “On-Line ACTION PLAN”.

Decide upon a realistic timeframe to address the “High” **PRIORITY** items. Factors to consider include the cost of addressing or solving the “High” **PRIORITY** items, and the time necessary to actually make the changes. Be realistic, but don’t delay addressing these items. As additional resources of time and money become available revisit your list of action items and select items that you can address. This becomes an on-going process that helps keep you focused on improving your level of sustainability and preparedness, and over time results in addressing more and more priority action items. For example, if a back-up generator is needed, you could note *“back-up generator purchased and installed 6-15-10; successfully tested 6-16-10”*. Visit this list every several months and over time you’ll see progress.

By reviewing the “High” **PRIORITY** items one-by-one and taking the necessary steps needed to change the **STATUS** from “Not Done” to “Done” for that item, you have improved your disaster plan and have enhanced the continuity of operations for your farm or ranch operation.

The more items that you honestly can answer, “Done”, the stronger your plan and the better your chances are to stay in business after any disaster. If you have a high number of “Not Done” responses, you should consider your operation to be at risk.

You can never be totally without risks, or potential threats. That is part of agriculture production. However, by using the information in this workbook, and identifying specific areas of your agricultural operation that can be changed to reduce your level of risk or potential threats, you will increase your ability to stay in business during and after a disaster. This process is never completed. Many of the practices should be revisited, tested, checked, and confirmed to be acceptable. All items should be reviewed at least one time each year. Many items need more frequent attention such as emergency generators, inventories, health management practice, etc.

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## Emergency Telephone Numbers – Números de teléfono de emergencia

Emergency - Emergencia	Veterinarian - Veterinario
Fire - Fuego	Dairy Division/Milk Quality - División de la lechería /calidad de la leche
Rescue - Rescate	State Vet - Veterinario del estado
Police, Local/State - Policía, Local/estado	Utilities - Utilidades – Electric - eléctricas
Doctor - Doctor	– Gas - Gas
Poison Control Center - Centro de control del veneno	– Telephone - Teléfono
Feed Supplier - Surtidor de la alimentación	Fuel dealer - Distribuidor del combustible
Milk Hauler - Transportador de la leche	Electrician - Electricista
Trucker / Hauler - Camionero/transportador	Plumber/Refrigeration - Fontanero/refrigeración
Rendering/Compost - Representación /estiércol vegetal	Cooperative Extension - Extensión cooperativa
Machinery Dealer - Distribuidor de la maquinaria	Department of Agriculture - Ministerio de Agricultura
Machinery Dealer - Distribuidor de la maquinaria	Department of Health - Departamento de la salud
Insurance Agent - Agente de seguro	Mental Health - Salud mental
Insurance Agent - Agente de seguro	Homeland Security - Seguridad de la patria
Loan officers/Bank - Oficiales de préstamo/banco	FSA Office - Oficina del FSA
Loan officers/Bank - Oficiales de préstamo/banco	NRCS - NRCS
Hispanic interpreter - Intérprete hispanico	Environmental Agency -- Agencia ambiental
Vocational Rehabilitation - Rehabilitación vocacional	Wildlife Biologist (starling or other bird control) - Biólogo de la fauna (control starling u otro del pájaro)
Religious contact - Contacto religioso	Agronomist/Pesticide - Agrónomo/pesticida
Friends/Relatives/Neighbors - Amigos /parientes /vecinos	Nutritionist - Nutricionista
Friends/Relatives/Neighbors - Amigos /parientes /vecinos	Milk Cooperative - Cooperativa de la leche
Towing Service - Servicio del remolque	<b>Date updated:</b>



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## Farm or Ranch Maps

Having an accurate map of your farm or ranch can be valuable for several reasons. In the event of an emergency, a map of the facility can help emergency service personnel identify hazardous areas such as fuel areas, chemical and pesticide storage areas, or electrical control panels. A map can also help you and service personnel identify the location of different inventories of supplies, feed, water, utilities, receiving and load-out areas.

Farm or Ranch maps can be obtained from a variety of sources. The local Farm Service Agency, Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or Bureau of Land Management may be able to provide an aerial photo or satellite image of your facility at little or no cost. Various web-based internet sites can provide similar imagery that can be downloaded and marked with more details.

If none of these sources are available, then a simple hand-drawn map can be used. Be sure to mark utilities, hazardous or dangerous materials area, and water sources.

### Map Components:

1. Home farm or ranch overview
2. Detail of home farm or ranch
3. Outlying property
4. Designated disposal areas

### Guidance for each building:

Each building needs to be numbered and on the map

Each building should have number and class of animals in the building

Each building should be identified on the map what it is used for

Map should indicate where the electrical panel is located in each building

Map should indicate where critical items are located in each building

Utility service panel

Water

Compressed gas – welders

Fuels

Pesticides

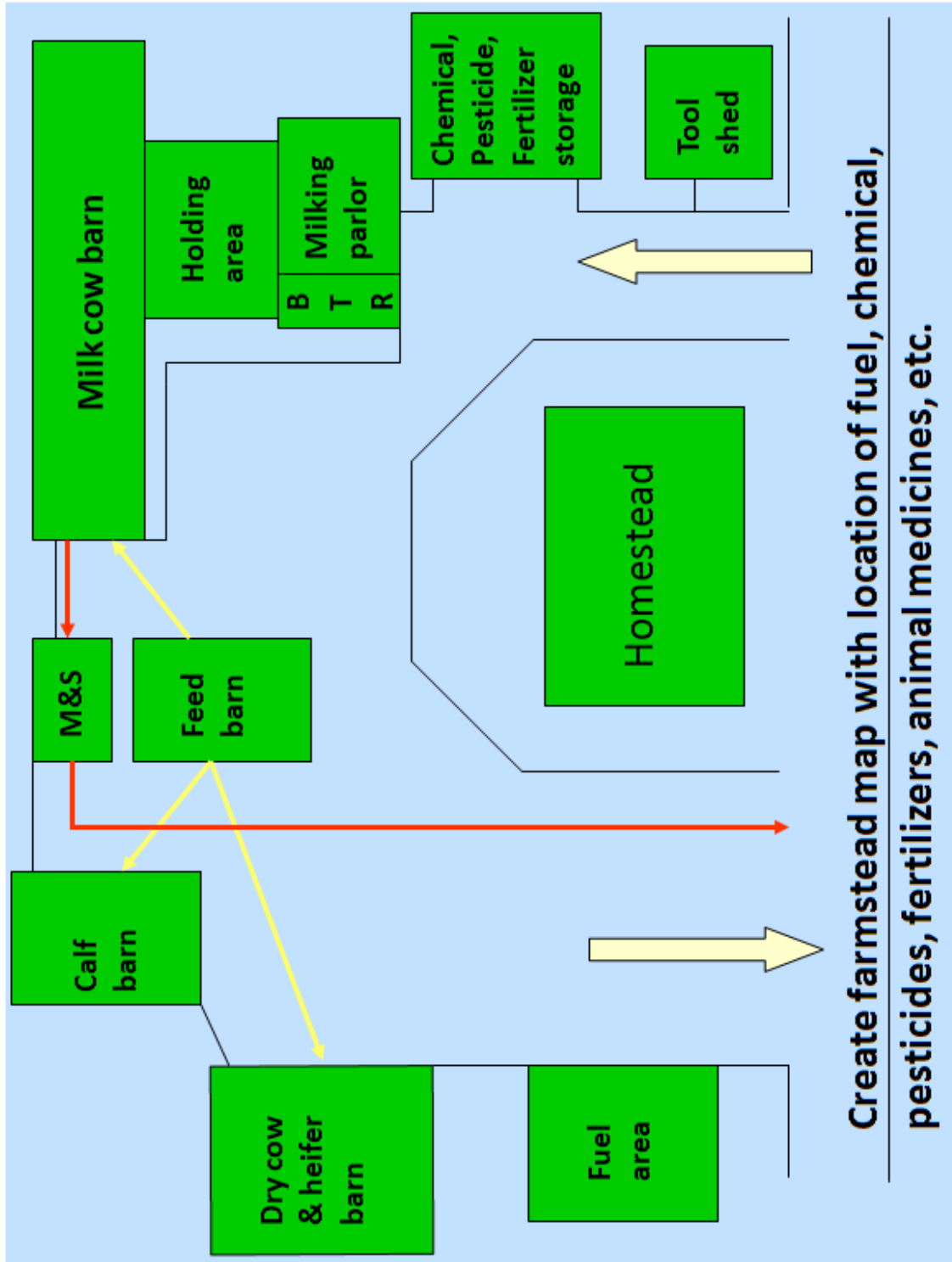
Other hazardous materials

Map should indicate if building is a multi-storage structure or not.





## Farm or Ranch MAP -- EXAMPLE





# Inventory Lists

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grain, Hay, Feed</b>	<b>Amount (unit)</b>	<b>Value per Unit</b>	<b>Location (identify location on map)</b>
Barley			
Corn			
Oats			
Soybeans			
Wheat			
Soy Meal			
Cotton Seed			
Feed Commodities			
<i>Other:</i>			
Dry Hay			
Straw			
Silage – Corn			
– High Moisture Corn			
-- Haylage			
Manufactured Feed			
<i>Other:</i>			

<b>Hazardous Materials</b>	<b>Amount (unit)</b>	<b>Value per Unit</b>	<b>Location</b>
Gasoline			
Diesel			
Propane			
Grease/Oil			
Pesticides			
Fertilizers			
Chemicals			
<i>Other:</i>			

# Inventory Lists

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Livestock / Dairy / Poultry	Amount (unit)	Value per Unit	Location
Bulls			
Stock Cows			
Stock Calves			
Feedlot / Feeder Cattle			
Dairy Calves (up to 6 mos.)			
Dairy Heifers (6 mos. – 2 yrs)			
Dairy Cows (in milk)			
Dry Cows			
Veal Calves			
Other:			
Boars			
Sows			
Gilts			
Nursery Piglets			
Feeder Pigs			
Grower Hogs			
Market Hogs			
Other:			
Pullets			
Laying Hens			
Breeding Flocks			
Fryers			
Roasters			
Turkeys			
Ducks			



# Inventory Lists

Date \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLES --- Make / Model / Year	VIN #	Value
TRACTORS --- Make / Model / Year	Identification #	Value
FIELD MACHINERY --- Make / Model / Year	Identification #	Value
EQUIPMENT	Identification #	Value
TOOLS and SUPPLIES	Identification #	Value
MISCELLANEOUS	Identification #	Value



## References and Additional Resources

**USDA Pre-Harvest Security Guidelines & Checklist 2006 -**

[http://www.usda.gov/documents/PreHarvestSecurity\\_final.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/PreHarvestSecurity_final.pdf)

**Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training Course**

University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine

<http://www.vet.utk.edu/cafsp/agfoodvulnerability/>

**IS 111 Livestock in Disasters – FEMA Independent Study Program**

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is111.asp>

**Food Safety Begins on the Farm: A Grower's Guide**

Cornell Good Agricultural Practices Program (GAPs)

Department of Food Science, 2000

<http://www.gaps.cornell.edu/educationalmaterials.html>

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**The National Pork Board, PQA Plus Program**

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<http://www.pork.org/producers/security%20Biosecurity/security%20book.pdf>

**The National Pork Board, Security Guide**

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<http://www.pork.org/Resources/102/SecurityandBiosecurity.aspx>

**Food Safety/Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs)**

<http://www.GAPs.cornell.edu/>

**Biosecurity for the Birds APHIS**

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/birdbiosecurity/>

**Emergency Planning for Fruit and Vegetable Growers**

“What’s Your ERPIQ? Emergency Response Planning IQ?”

<http://safety.cfans.umn.edu/ERPIQ/workbook.html>

**Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)**

[www.eden.lsu.edu](http://www.eden.lsu.edu)

**EDEN on-line Animal Agrosecurity and Emergency Management Course**

<http://www.eden.lsu.edu/LearningOps/AnimalAgrosecurity/default.aspx>

**EDEN on-line Plant Biosecurity Management Course**

<http://eden.lsu.edu/EDENCourses/PlantBio/Pages/default.aspx>

**AVMA Emergency Preparedness and Response**

<http://www.avma.org/default.asp>

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### Georgia Animal Agrosecurity manual

<http://www.agrosecurity.uga.edu>

### Industry Self-Assessment Checklist for Food Security – U.S. Department of Agriculture Food / Safety and Inspection Service

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Self\\_Assessment\\_Checklist\\_Food\\_Security.pdf](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/PDF/Self_Assessment_Checklist_Food_Security.pdf)

### Reducing Agricultural Vulnerability To Storm-Related Disasters

FAO, March 2001, Rome

<http://www.fao.org/DOCREP/MEETING/003/X9178e.HTM>

### Penn State Biosecurity and On-Farm Food Safety

<http://vetextension.psu.edu/biosecurity/>

### National Biosecurity Resource Center for Animal Health Emergencies

<http://www.biosecuritycenter.org>

### National Institute for Animal Agriculture web site

<http://www.animalagriculture.org/>

### Agriculture and Food – Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Sector-Specific Plan\* as input to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan - May 2007

<http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/nipp-ssp-ag-food.pdf>

### Probability of purchasing at least one infected animal from sub-populations of different prevalence-levels of infection – The Center for Food Security & Public Health

<http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/BRM/resources/Beef/ProbabilityGraphMarch2005.pdf>

### Rural Security Planning: Protecting Family, Friends, and Farm

Purdue Pesticide Programs, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service

<http://www.btny.purdue.edu/Pubs/PPP/PPP-64.pdf>

### Agricultural Risk Management

<http://www.rma.usda.gov/>

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

<http://www.ice.gov/>

### Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification

[http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-9\\_IFR\\_02-02-09.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-9_IFR_02-02-09.pdf)

### Fire Extinguisher Selection, Location and Use (NASD)

<http://nasdonline.org/document/1303/d001102/fire-extinguisher-selection-location-and-use.html>

### Shelter in Place (*interior room/shelter creating a barrier from outside contamination*)

[http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc\\_english/Sheltering.asp](http://www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/Sheltering.asp)

### Using Portable Generators Safely (OSHA)

[http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data\\_Hurricane\\_Facts/portable\\_generator\\_safety.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/portable_generator_safety.pdf)

### Using Standby Generators (University of Arkansas)

[http://www.aragriculture.org/disaster/safety/using\\_standby\\_generators.pdf](http://www.aragriculture.org/disaster/safety/using_standby_generators.pdf)





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# Producer Survey *(continued)*

7. How likely are you to develop a Disaster Action Plan using the ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> materials?

- |        |                     |                                  |                                                               |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2                   | 3                                | 4                                                             |
| No way | I might consider it | I will probably do some planning | I will develop a plan using the ReadyAG <sup>®</sup> material |

8. What practices do you plan to use from ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> in the next 6 months?

*Please mark all that you plan to do*

- Develop and post an Emergency Phone List
- Create a Farm Map
- Create an Action Plan
- Create an Inventory
- Evaluate Facilities and Materials
- Review Personnel Practices
- Review Routine farm or ranch practices for improved security
- Provide training for family and employees
- Review Insurance
- Other

9. Are the questions in the ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> workbook appropriate for your farm or ranch?

- Yes                      No

10. Is there any information missing in the ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> workbook that is important to your farm or ranch?

- Yes                      No

If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

11. How likely is it that you might tell a neighbor about ReadyAG<sup>®</sup> and encourage them to use the material?

- |          |                               |                                                           |                                                          |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | 2                             | 3                                                         | 4                                                        |
| Dream On | Maybe if there is opportunity | I will probably tell neighbors about ReadyAG <sup>®</sup> | I will definitely tell others about ReadyAG <sup>®</sup> |

12. What suggestions do you have that would make this material more useful for Agriculture Producers?

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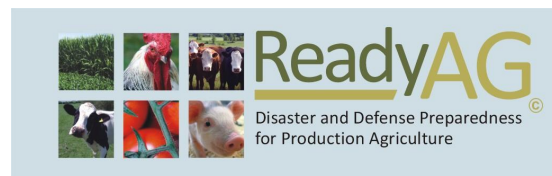
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