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National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. 2020 has taught us that anything could happen! As we have experienced this year, we never know what type of disaster we may wake up to each day, whether it is a tornado, flood, pandemic, fire, or earthquake. Whether required or not, ALL agricultural operations can benefit from having emergency action plan in place before a disaster occurs. Establish evacuation plans and routes for your farm or ranch operation and have a way to account for family members and employees following an evacuation. Consider different scenarios that might play out during a disaster and make sure staff have training on what their responsibilities will be during an emergency. Establish clear lines of communication in case your operations are impacted. Also, make sure you have the necessary equipment and emergency supplies on hand and designate someone as the point person to take charge during an emergency event.

Professional Development Opportunities

ASHCA—North America Agricultural Safety Summit
March 22—24, 2021—Las Vegas

International Society for Ag Safety and Health
June 20—25, 2021—Asheville, NC

SAY National Clearinghouse

Ag safety and health curriculum or resources that align with AFNR standards can be located through the SAY National Clearinghouse. Contact [Linda Fetzer](#) or visit the [SAY Project](#) homepage.



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