



## FACTSHEET

# Adverse event management

Throughout the recovery process, people are your first priority. We need to look after ourselves and each other.

### Prepare ahead of time

- Purchase/maintain a generator large enough to run at least power and water across the farm and power your house.
- Have enough fuel stored (in small containers) for vehicles, chainsaws etc so it is readily accessible.
- Battery or Solar Powered electric fence units can be useful to have to help contain stock.
- Have enough clean drinking water and food for your family to survive for a few days before any help may arrive.

### Make a plan and prioritise

- Your personal survival items such as drinking water, shelter, food and meds.
- Stock water
- Fencing
- Access
- Secure hazardous substances
- Other infrastructure
- Revise business plan

### Key points

- Be proactive, make things happen
- Utilise your network
- Accept offers of assistance
- Utilise expertise and experience

### People

- Select a Crisis Manager
- Build a team
  - Connect and stay connected with family and friends
  - Staff
  - Financial
  - Contractors
  - Rural professionals and support services

### Summary

- Ensure you have a safety plan in place. For example, after an earthquake after shocks will be ongoing; after a fire there is a risk of reignition; after a flood there is a risk of disease, after wind there is a risk of falling trees or branches that shift after the event.
- Be organised—make the most efficient and effective use of available labour/contractors
- People want to assist—call **0800 FARMING (327 646)** for skilled volunteers
- Get into a routine (as much as possible)
- Eat well, look after your physical and mental health
- Take a break
- It will get better

# Decision tree for farms after adverse events

## This week

- Ensure you and your family are safe—earthquakes, fires, floods, volcanic eruptions and other adverse events can still put people at risk after the main event
- Let people know if you and your family are safe. Text or social media may be best
- Access safe drinking water
- Ensure stock can access water
- Ensure hazardous substances are secure
- Secure and weather-proof damaged homes and buildings
- Check with your neighbours or friends to see if they need any help or if they can help you
- Connect with your local **Rural Support Trust** to see what help might be in the area or what support is available. **0800 787 254**

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## Next week

- Assess damage to fences, tracks, water systems, land and farm infrastructure
- Update claims with EQC and insurance companies
- Prioritise and plan actions—water, access, essential infrastructure, routine farm management
- Utilise volunteers—but be organised to ensure the most efficient and effective use of labour and to ensure the health and safety of volunteers in hazardous conditions
- Ensure people and animal welfare requirements are being met including your own

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## Over the next four weeks

- Continue repairing essential infrastructure to ensure normal farm management practices can go ahead
- Continue to repair water systems, fences and farm infrastructure
- Take a break!
- Take time on-farm to appreciate the small wins, and what you still have

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## Onwards

- Reassess your situation/modify priorities
- Implement a long-term recovery plan

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