

AGRICULTURAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

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Frequently used phone numbers (in no particular order):

PEMA State Emergency Operations Center 717-651-2001

answered 24/7; statewide dispatch center for ALL state agencies and resources

PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health 717-772-2852

this 24/7 number is forwarded to a cell after hours

USDA Veterinary Services 717-540-2777

PA Dept. of Environmental Protection 877-333-1904

24/7 emergency hotline

PA Game Commission

814-643-1831 (Adams, Franklin, York, Cumberland, Perry • Typically 6A-11P daily)

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Animal Stuck In A Hole, A Well, or Partially Buried

Notify 911 (dispatcher can activate C.A.R.T.* and possibly Fire/Rescue or Technical Rescue on your request)

Escaped Animals (Livestock, Poultry, Equine)

Advice or assistance needed to safely corral animals and keep responders/public safe

Notify 911 (dispatcher can activate C.A.R.T.* upon request)

Contact Penn State Extension office for your county (during business hours)

<https://extension.psu.edu/county-offices>

Truck/Trailer Hauling Animals Overturms on Roadway

Animals escaped, injured or dead

Notify 911 (dispatcher can activate C.A.R.T.* upon request)

Notify PEMA Emergency Operations Center (24/7)

PEMA will notify PA Dept of Agriculture and DEP (if disposal is being considered)

Need Animal Behavior or General Farm Advice or Assistance

Contact Local, County Penn State Extension Office

<https://extension.psu.edu/county-offices>

Catastrophic Loss of Poultry or Livestock Due To Fire or Natural Disaster

Contact Local, County Penn State Extension Office (during business hours)

<https://extension.psu.edu/county-offices>

Notify PEMA (24/7)

PEMA will notify PA Dept of Agriculture and DEP (to clarify disposal considerations)

Snakes or Reptiles (Handling or Catching)

Contact Rick Krumrine 717-658-6105

Contact PA Fish and Boat Commission (8 AM- 4 PM)

717-486-7087 (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry, Lebanon, York)

or 717-626-0228 (Lancaster, Schuylkill)

Injured or Misplaced Wildlife

Including if advice is needed how to safely euthanize the animal

Contact PA Game Commission or USDA Wildlife Services

(numbers are listed in the left column)

Suspected Rabies

Human: Potentially exposed victim or family should notify primary care provider and Health Dept at **1-877-PAHEALTH**

Domestic Animals: Notify PA Dept of Agriculture **717-772-2852**

Dog: Notify PA Dog Law office **717-787-3062** (Mon-Fri 8AM- 4PM)

Wildlife: Contact PA Game Commission (see left column)

Contact USDA Wildlife Services (see left column)

Manure Storage Rescue

NEVER, EVER go in after a victim, it is dangerous and deadly!

Stay upwind of situation.

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More Information on the Reverse Side.

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Confined Space Rescue (e.g. Silos, Grain Bins)

DO NOT attempt rescue! Allow trained responders to do it.

Notify 911 (dispatcher will activate "Technical Rescue Team" and possibly local HAZMAT team)

Overtaken Tractor/Equipment Human Entrapment

DO NOT attempt to lift tractor/ equipment off of victim, let trained responders do it.

Notify 911 (dispatcher will activate "Technical Rescue Teams")

Agro-Terrorism Incidents or Food Tampering

Contact PA Dept of Ag Emergency Coordinator (24/7) **717-678-1636**

Contact PSP PaCIC/Fusion Center at **877-777-6835**

Contact FBI at **717-232-8686** (Agro-Terrorism only. NOT for Food Tampering)

Suspected Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak

Unexplained High Mortality Event in Domestic Animals, Livestock or Poultry

Notify PA Department of Agriculture 717-772-2852 -or-

Notify USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services **717-540-2777**

Animal Quarantine Enforcement or Stop-Movement Orders

Notify PA Dept of Agriculture 717-772-2852

Chemical or Pesticide Incidents and/or Animal Feed Incidents

Notify 911 (dispatcher will activate local HAZMAT team)

Notify PA Dept of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry **717-772-5222**

Notify PA DEP if environmental contamination occurs

Notify PEMA (24/7)

PREVENT DISEASE SPREAD

Here are several basic practices to observe when entering a farm, when practical, realizing emergency response doesn't always allow this.



LIMIT public access to the farm/operation.



WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water before and after contact with live or dead animals.



Put on **DISPOSABLE BOOT COVERS** before stepping out of your vehicle and remove them before stepping back into your vehicle.



Before moving to another farm/operation: **CLEAN** any equipment and vehicles with warm, soapy water, **AND DISINFECT** with an approved product such as bleach or Lysol.



CHANGE your clothes and footwear before entering another farm/operation.



If you observe large numbers of sick or dead animals, **DO NOT** enter the site! **IMMEDIATELY** call the PA Department of Agriculture or USDA Veterinary Services for further guidance.