

# **Emergency Preparedness:**

## **Farm Fire & Severe Weather Action Plans**

### **Key Safety Points:**

- Farm Fire Prevention: Ensure that all buildings, equipment, and vehicles are equipped with fire extinguishers in good working condition. Conduct regular fire drills and review evacuation plans with all workers.
- Fire-Safe Storage: Store flammable materials, such as fuel, propane, and chemicals, away from heat sources and in approved, well-ventilated areas. Ensure proper labeling and containment to prevent accidental fires.
- Severe Weather Plans: Wisconsin is known for its unpredictable weather, including heavy snowstorms, ice storms, and tornadoes. Have a clear action plan in place for each type of severe weather, including evacuation routes, shelter locations, and communication protocols.
- Weather Monitoring: Keep an eye on weather forecasts, especially during winter and spring months, for potential snowstorms, blizzards, and severe weather. Ensure you have a reliable weather app or NOAA weather radio to stay informed.
- Employee Safety: Ensure all employees know the farm's emergency procedures for fire and severe weather. Set up emergency contacts and a check-in system, especially for employees working alone or in isolated areas during storms.
- Emergency Kits: Keep emergency kits stocked with essential items, including flashlights, first aid supplies, blankets, non-perishable food, and water. Include extra batteries and a portable phone charger in case of power outages.