

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.