

Disaster Planning for Farms and Agribusinesses

Governor has declared a State of Emergency in NC as Hurricane Dorian approaches

Disasters. You can't predict when a tornado, hurricane, hazmat or other emergency will strike your business. But you can be prepared and have a plan in case something does happen. Farms, ranches, food warehouses, pesticide dealers and more all have different needs, but the planning basics are the same.

Governor Roy Cooper has declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina due to the approaching Hurricane Dorian. Farms and agribusinesses are encouraged to visit the website of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to learn more about disaster preparedness at ncagr.gov/disaster. Click around. Use the preparedness tools, and in case of a disaster, come back and find the links for assistance.

Hurricane Dorian creates an imminent threat of severe economic loss of livestock, poultry and crops ready to be harvested. At N.C. Agr. Stat. § 166A-19.70(g), the Governor has directed the Department of Public Safety to temporarily suspend weighing those vehicles used to transport livestock, poultry or crops ready to be harvested. The Governor has also declared that the maximum hours of service for drivers prescribed by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-381 should be waived.

Evacuation of Equines Due to Hurricane Dorian, Suspension of Equine Interstate Movement Requirements

Due to potential emergency conditions that appear likely due to Hurricane Dorian, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) is temporarily making the following exceptions to the regulations governing the importation and exportation of equines coming into and leaving North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Dorian.

- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina that have a current Coggins test will be admitted to the state of North Carolina without an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI). Accurrent Coggins test chart should accompany these horses.
- Horses being evacuated to North Carolina without a current Coggins test will be allowed entry into the state of North Carolina PROVIDED they will be allowed to return to their state of origin without a current Coggins or ICVI after the evacuation is lifted.
- All other animals being evacuated without an ICVI will be temporarily admitted into North Carolina and allowed to leave North Carolina provided the state they are destined to has waived their import requirements.

Evacuees should verify that the facilities in North Carolina to which they are evacuating are waiving requirements before departing and arriving at those facilities. All animals moving under these exceptions are expected to return to their state of origin no later than September 30, 2019 unless this order is extended or revised.

Alzheimer's Association to Host Dementia Education Workshop in Monroe October 10

The Alzheimer's Association - Western Carolina Chapter, in collaboration with the Monroe County Public Library, will be hosting a dementia-related workshop in Monroe. "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" will take place on Thursday, October 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Union County Public Library located at 316 East Windsor Street. This program provides tips on how to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. To register, visit tinyurl.com/Oct10Monroe or call 800-272-3900.

The workshop is free and open to the general public, as well as individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases, their families and care partners. Professionals interested in learning more about planning, resources, and services that are available may also attend. "This is one of the many programs we offer to let those impacted by Alzheimer's know that we are here for them from the beginning of their diagnosis and throughout their journey with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia," said Katherine L. Lambert, CEO of the Western Carolina Chapter. "We encourage families and caregivers to take an active role in educating themselves to be prepared to meet the changes ahead and live well for as long as possible."

Additional Facts and Figures: (www.alz.org/facts)

- One in 10 people age 65 and older (10 percent) has Alzheimer's dementia.
- An estimated 5.8 million Americans, including 170,000 North Carolina residents, are living with Alzheimer's, a number estimated to grow to as many as 14 million by year 2050.
- Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.
- African-Americans are about twice as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites.
- Hispanics are about one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's or other dementias as older whites.

About the Alzheimer's Association The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

Anson and Chesterfield to "Battle For The Border"

The Anson (NC) Bearcats and Chesterfield (SC) Rams will face off on the gridiron for the sixth annual "Battle For The Border" contest September 13. The winning team takes possession of a trophy presented by nonprofit hospice organizations serving the two counties, Anson Community Hospice and Hospice of Chesterfield County Foundation.

"I am very proud to be associated with anything that hospice does," Anson Athletic Director James Wall said. "This is a great thing they are doing for our athletes. Chesterfield is a class act and we are excited to continue this rivalry."

Chesterfield Athletic Director Craig Hatcher added, "The Chesterfield High Athletic Department and football team are excited about continuing the competition with Anson High for the Battle For The Border trophy. We would like to thank Hospice of Chesterfield County Foundation and Anson Community Hospice for sponsoring this event for each of our athletic departments."

Chesterfield will be looking to take possession of the trophy after falling to the Bearcats last year. Chesterfield holds a 6-3 series lead over the past nine seasons. Game time is set for 7:30 PM at Anson High School.

"Hospice of Chesterfield County Foundation is excited to partner with Anson Community Hospice to recognize the student-athletes at Chesterfield and Anson high schools. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the future as a way to also raise awareness about the availability of hospice care and services in our communities," Hospice of Chesterfield County Foundation Director Cindy Beard said.

According to Anson Community Hospice Chaplain Chris Thornton "Anson Community Hospice is proud to partner with Hospice of Chesterfield County and support this great football rivalry." Lisa O'Neal, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, added, "Our goal as a nonprofit organization is to educate our community on the benefits of hospice services and to provide quality compassionate care to families and patients in their time of need."

Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, Inc. and Hospice Haven, is a nonprofit "Hometown Hospice" and leader in end of life quality care in our community since 1985.

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