

Recovery priority checklist

It is easy to become overwhelmed in a crisis. Use the checklist below to help you group priority tasks. Remember, lots of things can wait and don't be afraid to ask for help.

People

- Are family and staff safe?**
Do not put yourself or others in harm's way (flood water, fire – grass, bushfire or electric)
- Who needs to be contacted?**
Staff, milk company field officer, local Council
How can they be contacted?
Who will do it and when?
- Can staff work?**
Can they access the property and/or do they need to focus on their family?
Who else can work/help?
- Access to supplies?**
Do you have access to clean water, food and a quiet haven for a break and sleep?

Livestock

- Are all livestock safe and securely contained?**
Are any animals injured or down? Are you able to humanely destroy injured stock if required?
Are boundary fences intact and are electric fences working?
- Do any stock need to be moved?**
Where to, when and who will move them?
- Is fresh water available and is supply adequate**
Power available? Yes/no?
- Can cows be milked as normal?**
Access to milking shed, power, tanker access?
- Other animals?**
Are the dogs, chickens, horses and any other animals safe?

Power

- Is the power off or likely to go off?**
 - Is it a general power cut or is it just your farm?**
 - What is the highest priority for power?**
Milking?
Vat refrigeration?
Water pumping to troughs and/or for household use?
- Communications**
- Are landline phones working?**
 - Are mobiles working and charged?**
Can you charge them in a car?
 - Do you have an operational CB radio?**
 - Who is listening to updates on the radio?**
Can you use a battery powered radio or the car radio for weather updates and emergency information from local ABC?

Feed supplies

- How much pasture is damaged/affected?
- What supplementary feed is on hand?
- Does fodder need to be moved to be nearer stock and/or a safer area?

Buildings

- What damage has occurred to buildings/sheds, bridges, underpasses or power lines?
- What repairs can safely be done?
Who will do it, when and who can help?

Access

- Are vehicles usable?
- Do you need to move vehicles or equipment to safer ground?
- Are the tracks clear and safe for livestock, are roads open, do you have access for a milk tanker?

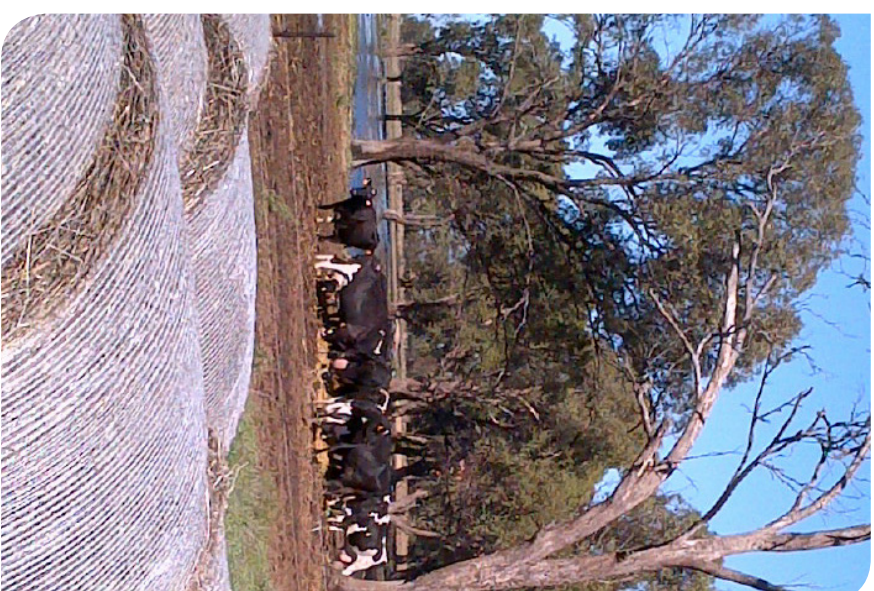
Neighbours

- Are they OK? Can they help or do they need help?
- Have you contacted local people who are likely to need help?

Recovery

Advice and assistance is available from the state dairy farming organisations, Dairy Australia, the milk companies and government agencies, including Departments of Primary Industry, local Councils, Centrelink, Departments of Human Services

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