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## **Emergency Preparedness and Planning Reminder**

In light of forecasts that are predicting New England will potentially be impacted by Hurricane Irene, the MDAR Division of Animal Health is reminding everyone that establishing a plan of action in preparation of any type of emergency can minimize injury and property loss. A template to assist you in developing a farm emergency plan is available on our website at

www.mass.gov/agr/animalhealth/farm emergency.htm.









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