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South Central Task Force
Field Operations Guide*

Agricultural Emergency Situations

*A Guide for
Emergency Dispatchers and Responders
in South Central Pennsylvania*

*Developed by the
South Central Task Force
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This guide has been developed to aid emergency dispatchers and emergency responders in South Central Pennsylvania to manage incidents involving animals. Use this guide in accordance with local protocols.

In general, in response to incidents involving animals:

- **DO NOT** chase animals
- **DO NOT** use sirens
- **Limit** use of emergency lights
- *If there are a number of dead animals, do not enter the area*

Agencies referenced in this guide:

PEMA State Emergency Operations Center

717-651-2001; answered 24/7; statewide dispatch center for ALL state agencies and resources

PA Dept. of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health

717-772-2852; after hours, you will be given "on-call" phone number

PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

877-333-1904; 24/7 emergency hotline

PA Game Commission

814-643-1831 (*Adams, Franklin, York, Cumberland, Perry*)

(Typically 6A-11P daily)

610-926-3136 (*Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon*)

(Typically 7A-11P daily)

USDA Wildlife Services

State Office in Harrisburg (normal business hours);

717-236-9451

Eastern District Supervisor (after hours)

610-698-7610

Need animal behavior or general farm advice or assistance

Contact local, county Penn State Cooperative Extension Office

<http://extension.psu.edu/directory>

Escaped animals

Advice or assistance needed to safely corral animals and keep responders/public safe

Notify County EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate C.A.R.T.)*

Animal stuck in a hole, a well, or partially buried

Notify County EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate C.A.R.T. and possibly Fire/Rescue or Technical Rescue)*

Truck/trailer hauling animals overturns on roadway

Animals escaped, injured or dead

Notify county EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate C.A.R.T.)*

*Notify PEMA Emergency Operations Center (24/7)
PEMA will notify PA Dept of Agriculture and DEP (if burial is being considered)*

Catastrophic loss of poultry or livestock due to fire or natural disaster

Contact local, county Penn State Cooperative Extension Office <http://extension.psu.edu/directory>

Notify PEMA (24/7)

PEMA will notify PA Dept of Agriculture and DEP (if burial is being considered)

Snakes or Reptiles

Handling or catching

Contact Rick Krumrine (717) 658-6105

Contact PA Fish and Boat Commission
(8 AM– 4 PM)

717-486-7087 (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin,
Franklin, Perry, Lebanon, York)

or 717-626-0228 (Lancaster)

Injured or escaped livestock or wildlife

Including if advice is needed how to safely euthanize animal

Livestock or poultry:

Contact local, county Penn State
Cooperative Extension Office

<http://extension.psu.edu/directory>

Notify PEMA (24/7)

Wildlife:

Contact PA Game Commission **or**
contact USDA Wildlife Services

Suspected Rabies

Victim or family should notify primary care provider and Health Dept at 1-877-PAHEALTH

Dog:

Notify PA Dept of Agriculture

Notify PA Dog Law office

717-787-3062 (Mon-Fri 8A — 4P)

Wildlife:

Contact PA Game Commission

Contact USDA Wildlife Services

Contact PA State Police

Rescue from manure storage

NEVER, EVER go in after a victim, it is dangerous and deadly! Stay upwind of situation.

Notify County EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate “Technical Rescue Teams”)

Rescue from confined space

(e.g. silos, grain bins)

DO NOT attempt rescue! Allow trained responders to do it.

Notify County EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate “Technical Rescue Teams” and possibly local HAZMAT team)

Agro-Terrorism incidents or Food Tampering

*Contact PA Dept of Ag Emergency Coordinator
(24/7) 717-943-3159*

*Contact PSP PaCIC/Fusion Center at
877-777-6835*

Suspected Foreign Animal Disease outbreak

Notify PEMA (24/7)

*Notify PA Department of Agriculture or
USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services
717-540-2777*

Quarantine enforcement and/or Stop-Movement Orders

Notify PA Dept of Agriculture

Notify PEMA (24/7)

Notify PA State Police

Notify Municipal Police

Pesticide Incidents and/or Animal Feed Incidents

*Notify County EMA 911 (dispatcher will activate
local HAZMAT team)*

Notify PEMA (24/7)

*Notify CHEMTREC (24/7)
1-800-424-9300*