

## Reducing the Impact of Flooding on Dairy Farms & Food Facilities


### DAIRY FARMS

- Contact your dairy plant for additional milk storage.
- Secure adequate feed supplies.
- Relocate feed supplies to protect from flooding.
- Protect well from floodwater or secure an alternate supply of safe water.
- Are standby generators available?
- Remove deep snow. A foot of snow is the equivalent of one to two inches of water. This will reduce snowmelt.
- Pile snow strategically. Locate piles so the snowmelt will drain away from the lot rather than through it.
- Divert drainage. Add shallow diversion ditches so the runoff water flows around the cow yard.
- Manage roof runoff. A shallow trench or ditch beneath the overhang can help direct this water out of the yard.

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### FOOD & DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS, GROCERY STORES & WAREHOUSES

- Update all emergency telephone numbers.
- Check your flood insurance.
- Keep employees informed of all plans and review their responsibilities.
- Can floodwater be diverted from facility?
- Contact your contractor.
- Remove products and supplies from below-ground storage.
- Are alternate storage facilities available?
- Locate main gas and electrical shutoffs.
- Protect records from water damage.
- Use plugs to prevent floodwater from backing up in sewer drain.
- Are cellular phones and battery-operated radios available?

 During normal business hours Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Dairy & Food Inspection Division at (651) 201-6027.