

NSW Dairy industry leadership and response during emergencies



1 Better response and short-term recovery in dairy

Overview

The Dairy Emergency Leadership Group (ELG) has been established as part of the Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program (SFIRP) with the primary goal of enhancing coordination and response effectiveness within the dairy industry during emergencies such as natural disasters and exotic disease outbreaks.

The objective of the SFIRP Program is to Support the NSW Dairy Industry to Plan, Prepare, Respond and Rebuild in times of crisis and disaster.

This project aims to compliment formal response structures, not duplicate them, by harnessing combined dairy industry resources to enhance overall industry response in the face of emergency challenges.

Key objectives

- Increase coordination among dairy industry organisations during emergencies.
- More efficient and targeted deployment of industry resources to support response efforts.
- Define roles and responsibilities to expedite support to the dairy industry.
- Improve information sharing regarding contacts, locations, impacts, and available support.
- Enhance understanding and coordination with the Agriculture and Animal Service Functional Area (AASFA) and biosecurity response structure to ensure clear communication pathways and engagement for effective outcomes.

Outputs by December 2024

- **Endorsed dairy industry framework:** A comprehensive framework outlining strategies and protocols for emergency response within the dairy industry.
- **Formalised dairy industry liaison process:** Establishment of structured communication channels and protocols for interaction between stakeholders within the dairy industry and emergency response entities.
- **Streamlined data sharing:** Implementation of mechanisms to facilitate efficient sharing of information to inform response and recovery needs of dairy farmers.

Benefits

- Minimised duplication of activities and information gathering.
- Considered allocation of resources for optimal response and recovery efforts.
- Enhanced disaster response and recovery capabilities for all dairy operators in NSW.

For further information

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