

USDA Agencies and Boards

Farm Service Agency:

- Procedures and software for collecting and reporting disaster information. Disaster information tracked and compiled using STORM software and GIS
- Staff with expertise in Federal Agricultural programs such as disaster assistance for agriculture
- GIS on farm locations
- Leads County Emergency Boards
- **USDA County Emergency Boards.** County Emergency Boards are composed of USDA Agency representatives operating within their respective jurisdiction. The Farm Service Agency County Executive Directors serve as the Chairpersons. The three USDA Agencies providing personnel to the USDA County Emergency Boards are: Farm Service Agency, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. If there is a U.S. Forest in the county, Forest Service would also serve on the County Emergency Board. County Emergency Board members are to collect damage information on the overall impact on agriculture, such as farm facilities, food, feed, seed, and fertilizer processing and storage facilities, crop and livestock losses, and soil contamination.
County Offices: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=mn&agency=fsa>

USDA NRCS:

- Field offices at the county level
- Fleet vehicles at county, area, and state locations, survey equipment, GPS equipment
- GIS data base features localized maps that zoom in on specific farms, identify cropland and other lands
- Extensive data base that outlines soil types based on engineering criteria, agronomic criteria, hydrological characteristics, sensitivity to ground water contamination, soil depth, permeability, distance to ground water, potential for surface water contamination, to name but a few.
<http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/>

USDA/APHIS:

- Plant Protection and Quarantine is the lead agency during a plant health emergency when the pest is one never before identified in the United States.
- Veterinary Services: provide funding and personnel to assist in animal disease outbreak, may take lead in extensive or fad outbreak
- Wildlife Services has personnel, equipment, and the expertise necessary to provide support in a wide variety of emergency situations that include, but are not limited to, natural disasters, agricultural emergencies, disease outbreaks, and other situations that involve human and wildlife interactions.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA):

- Lead agency for damage assessment, hazardous materials and debris management
- Emergency Response Team responsible for organizing the MPCA's efforts in hazardous material emergencies
- MPCA Information Referral Index: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/pubs/iri.pdf>
- Partners with counties in Feedlot Management
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-f1-12.pdf>
- Regulates and manages solid waste. For contact numbers:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/pubs/iri.pdf>

Minnesota Department of Agriculture:

- Dairy and Food Inspection Division- respond to incidents involving dairy farms, feed mills, pet food manufacturers, grocery stores, convenience stores and food processing facilities
- The Pesticide & Fertilizer Management Division - oversees the cleanup of pesticide and fertilizer spills
- Plant Protection Division: has quarantine authority, responds to plant pest emergencies, has a database of nurseries, tree care companies, firewood dealer and other plant product handlers
www.mda.state.mn.us

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN): educational resources to reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters

Website: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/index.html>

County Staff: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/offices/>

EDEN Regional Coordinator: Bob Byrnes, 507-337-2809

Minnesota Board of Animal Health:

- Board is the lead state agency in animal disease emergency response
- Current database of livestock premises
- Communications network for alerting producers, veterinarians, and other stakeholders.
www.bah.state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: Wildlife disease or wildlife impacted by emergencies

Minnesota Dept of Health:

Well water testing: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/contactus.html>

Law enforcement

- Support the disaster response and recovery with all available resources
- Enforce animal movement restrictions and control established quarantine zones

Minnesota Veterinary Reserve Corp (MVRC): Members may assist with animal care and treatment, evacuation, vaccination, specimen collection, decontamination, euthanasia, necropsy, collecting epidemiological information, supervisory or office

support, or they may even be called to work in a practice to temporarily replace someone else who has gone to assist in the emergency.

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD): coordinates planning efforts by many voluntary organizations responding to disaster.