

ADVERSE EVENT PLANNING TOOL

Every significant adverse event is slightly different. The actions you take will depend on many factors, including conditions leading up to the event; where you are in the season; feed and resources available and stock condition. Decisions are also influenced by experience and knowing what works best for your farm.

Documenting key focus points for managing such events may help you to work through these situations.

Farm	
Date	

KEY FOCUS POINTS

1. What are your key team considerations?

Consider	What is the event impact	How can you mitigate it	Who is responsible
<i>e.g., Communication</i>	<i>Cellphone towers down; power cut</i>	<i>Do vehicles have cellphone chargers in them? Consider maintaining portable power banks. Agree a meeting place if communications are lost. Assign team to work in pairs. Have two-way radios available.</i>	<i>Farm Team</i>

2. What are your key environmental considerations?

Consider	What is the event impact	How can you mitigate it	Who is responsible
<i>e.g., Effluent Storage</i>	<i>Running out of effluent storage; power off so unable to run the pump.</i>	<i>Consider having a generator at the shed. Keep pond levels as low as possible.</i>	<i>Farm Manager</i>

2. What are your key animal health and welfare considerations?

Consider	What is the event impact	How can you mitigate it	Who is responsible
e.g., Sufficient Animal Health Remedies on-farm	<i>Illness or injury in animals with delay receiving veterinarian assistance</i>	<i>What remedies can be kept on-farm and administered by team? What training is required? Implement expiry date schedule.</i>	<i>Farm Manager</i>

3. What are your key feeding and supplement considerations?

Consider	What is the event impact	How can you mitigate it	Who is responsible
e.g., Stand Off Plan	<i>Insufficient grazing available</i>	<i>What areas are available for you to use to stand stock on, if you need to get them off the paddock? What areas should not have stock on them or need to be actively managed: e.g., new grass paddock, tile drain areas. What supplement is available? What is the plan of entry for supplement feed?</i>	<i>Farm Team</i>

AFTER AN EVENT

- Review - how did you do?
- What regular monitoring and reporting requires updating? For example, insurance, cashflow or feed budgets.
- What can you do to acknowledge the efforts of your team, contractors and suppliers?

FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

An emergency response and adverse events planning guide is available on our website at www.amuriirrigation.co.nz/farmerresources containing further information to assist in formulating your plan, if needed.