Caring for Livestock

- When it is safe to do so, check pens, barns, and sheds for damage, and check pastures for debris. Move animals to safe areas.
- Make sure animals have plenty of feed and water. They might also need vitamins and electrolytes to help them recover from stress.
- Check animals for injury and tend to minor injuries promptly. If possible, contact a veterinarian for help with seriously injured animals.
- To report an animal needing rescue or for help with carcass disposal, call your county’s emergency management department or your county Extension office.
- For information or guidance on building a carcass composting pile, contact your county Extension office.

- To locate hay for sale, call the Hay and Grazing hotline of the Texas Department of Agriculture (877-429-1998). Or, go to www.agr.state.tx.us and check the “Links/Resources” section.
- Document and report all livestock and poultry losses immediately to the county Farm Service Agency (FSA). For the number of your local FSA office, call the Texas FSA at 979-680-5151 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.
- Report missing livestock to your county emergency management office.