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Based on this year's flood outlook, the risk for significant flooding is low to moderate.

However, if you practice veterinary medicine in the livestock sector, please review this <u>Veterinary Certificate of Probable Cause of Death form</u>. The MVMA has worked with government to amend the types of information that a veterinarian would need to provide to certify the cause of death of an animal in natural disasters for which the Province provides financial relief. Please ensure that your practice is keeping this information for livestock clients so that you are able to assist your clients with a claim.

A reminder about responsibilities:

Step 1: Producers/Individuals are the first point of responsibility to deal with their own emergency situation.

Step 2: If individuals cannot provide an appropriate response to their emergency situation, **their local municipality is the first point of contact** for emergency-related information and assistance.

Step 3: If the local municipality cannot handle the situation, that municipality will contact Emergencies Measures Organization (EMO) for assistance. If EMO requires Manitoba Agriculture's assistance, it will assign an issue to our emergency coordinator.

Additionally, below are some useful links related to flooding and evacuation. Note that a document listed on one of the websites has a date of 2022; however, the information is still valid.

- Flood Forecasting
- Disaster Financial Assistance Fact Sheet
- Disaster Financial Assistance Application and Information
- Evacuation Information Sheets
- Flood Information
- Caring for Livestock During an Evacuation
- Animal Emergency Supply Kit
- Emergency Social Services Guidelines

There may be stressful times for producers. The following are resources that may assist with distressing events:

- Mental Health and Agriculture | Chicken Farmers of Canada
- The Do More Agriculture Foundation
- Mental Health & Stress Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (casa-acsa.ca)

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