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Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said agricultural producers, cattlemen and livestock owners in coastal areas should take precautionary steps to protect equipment and livestock against flooding and other weather issues arising from a tropical weather pattern that is advancing on the Louisiana coast. “Heavy rains and wind gusts up to 40 to 50 miles per hour associated with Tropical Depression 13 in the Gulf of Mexico could potentially cause problems for your equipment and livestock over the weekend,” Strain said. “Farmers and livestock owners should be prepared and monitor advisories that are issued from their local governmental authorities.”

FOR CATTLE:

- Get cattle to the highest ground on your property that can allow access to trailers and vehicles if animals need to be moved.
- Valuable breeding stock should be identified and moved in accordance with owner’s evacuation plan. Those animals should be kept closer to the homestead for easier transport.
- Ideally, cattle and equine trailers should be in good condition.