



FARM PROGRESS SHOW 2021

Emergency Weather Action Plan

Before opening ceremonies on days where weather could impact the event the **Severe Weather Procedures** message shall be read over the PA system:

In the event of severe weather during the Show, here's what you should know:

- ✓ The facility may not provide adequate protection from extremely high winds, tornadoes, hail, or lightning.
- ✓ Personal protection is each individual attendee's or exhibitor's responsibility.
- ✓ Be proactive. Plan in advance what you, your family and friends will do if severe weather approaches the event.
- ✓ You should monitor the weather very closely and take necessary precautions to ensure your safety.
- ✓ There is no basement or approved tornado shelter on property.
- ✓ We recommend you take shelter where you feel safe based on your circumstances.
- ✓ If no other safe option is available to you, a last resort may be to get into a vehicle and buckle your seat belt until you are able to get to the closest shelter.
- ✓ If you are in your car and flying debris occurs, stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head below the window level and cover your head with your hands, jackets, or blankets.
- ✓ Monitor the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov for specific storm information

A **Warning** or **Alert** is issued by the National Weather Service and received by either phone, in writing, in person, or by county.

Weather Threat Procedure:

Large Event Weather Monitoring

The local County EOC will be monitoring current weather conditions and will advise as needed.

EOC is to Notify:

All Public Safety Employees
Show Operations (Channel 1)

At this time the threat will be evaluated and a decision will be made through EOC, Farm Progress Events Officials and Public Safety Officials.

If a severe weather threat is “immanent” execute the following.

Activate severe weather Public Address System (PA)

Public Announcement:**(In a calm and deliberate tone):**

“May I please have your attention...Due to severe weather in the area, we recommend you take shelter where you feel safe based on your circumstances. This facility may not provide adequate protection from extremely high winds, tornadoes, hail, or lightning. There is no basement or approved tornado shelter on property. Please exit the facility as soon as it is safely possible, and seek appropriate shelter. If no other safe option is available to you, a last resort may be to get into a vehicle and buckle your seat belt until you are able to get to the closest shelter. If flying debris occurs, stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head below the window level and cover your head with your hands. You can also contact the National Weather Service for specific storm information online at www.weather.gov. Once again, ladies and gentlemen, we ask that you exit the facility now in a safe and orderly manner, and please be considerate of others as you leave the facility. Thank you very much for your cooperation.”

Repeat every 5 minutes or as needed.**EOC and Farm Progress Events Officials will execute the following tasks as follows:**

Notify security, maintenance, and med carts of impending severe weather, clear people out of tents, displays, anything not structurally sound. Inform them to seek appropriate shelter.

Send security to RV area and inform all with above information.

Notify staff on all Farm Progress Show radio channels of impending weather threat. Inform them to secure their work area from high winds, hail, rain etc. if needed. Ask them to seek appropriate shelter.

Inform staff working outside (security, medical, maintenance) with an E.T.A. (estimated time of arrival) of storm so they can take appropriate cover after assignments have been completed.

If needed, contact the local County EOC and ask if they can provide updates in the event of tornado, large hail (quarter size or larger), damaging winds (excess of 40 mph), lightning (frequent). Determine if storm spotters have had anything to report.

Post storm

Check the property and report injuries and/or damage to EOC.