

Florida's Agriculture & Animals at Risk

Florida is an agricultural “sentinel state.” Any agricultural disease introduction or agroterrorism event that occurs in the United States could occur here first.

- More than 75 million tourists visit the state annually—6 million from foreign countries.
- Our borders are porous, with 14 seaports and 151 airports—13 of them international airports.
- More hurricanes hit Florida than any other state.
- The risk of floods, drought and wildfires is high.

The potential for natural and man-made disasters puts Florida agriculture's \$62 billion economic impact at risk.



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Who Should be Involved in SART?

- Emergency managers
- Producers
- Veterinarians
- Extension agents
- Animal control officials
- FSA county executive directors
- District conservationists
- DART members
- People in agricultural businesses
- Law enforcement officers
- Public health workers
- Animal health professionals

Anyone interested in animals and agriculture can help.

Planning Pays!

A hurricane is on the way. Thousands of residents with pets are looking for a shelter. Citrus groves are threatened. Fish farms are in danger of flooding. What would your county do to meet the special needs of animals and agriculture? Who addresses these needs when a disaster strikes?

How can SART help?

SART operates as a multiagency coordination group to establish a coordinated preparedness, response, and recovery effort for all hazards that may affect Florida animals and agriculture.

SART supports emergency management and incident management teams by:

- Coordinating available resources
- Sharing information
- Fostering cooperation

The SART concept allows agencies to partner with other agencies so that they may work smarter, not harder.

SART Sponsoring Organizations

- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- University of Florida
 - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
 - College of Veterinary Medicine
- USDA
 - Farm Service Agency
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Plant Protection and Quarantine
 - Office of the Inspector General
 - Rural Development
 - Veterinary Services
- Disaster Animal Response Team (DART)
- Farm Credit of South Florida
- Florida Association of Kennel Clubs
- Florida Animal Control Association
- Florida Cattlemen's Association
- Florida Farm Bureau
- Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association
- Florida Veterinary Medical Association
- Florida Sea Grant
- Humane Society of the United States
- Southeast Milk, Inc.
- Southern Plant Diagnostic Network
- Sunshine State Horse Council
- United Animal Nations Emergency Animal Rescue Service (UAN/EARS)



Getting to Know SART

SART is a multiagency coordination group consisting of governmental and private entities dedicated to all-hazard disaster preparedness, planning, response, and recovery for the animal and agriculture sectors in the state of Florida.

SART operates at the local level through county SART organizations.

SART utilizes the skills and resources of many agencies, organizations, and individuals with its multiagency coordination structure.

SART supports the county, regional, and state emergency management efforts and incident management teams.

SART Mission: Empower Floridians through training and resource coordination to enhance all-hazard disaster planning and response for animals and agricultural issues.

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State Agricultural Response Team



Coordinating Disaster Response for Animals & Agriculture