



# FLORIDA SART

Florida State Agricultural Response Team



**The Sentinel** Newsletter of the Florida State Agricultural Response Team

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Coordinating Disaster Response for Animals and Agriculture

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| Alligator    |  | Oysters       |  |
| Avocados     |  | Peaches       |  |
| Blueberries  |  | Peanuts       |  |
| Blue Crab    |  | Pecans        |  |
| Cabbage      |  | Peppers, Bell |  |
| Cantaloupe   |  | Potatoes      |  |
| Cattle       |  | Poultry       |  |
| Citrus       |  | Rabbits       |  |
| Cotton       |  | Radishes      |  |
| Cucumbers    |  | Shrimp        |  |
| Dairy        |  | Snap Beans    |  |
| Ferns        |  | Soy Beans     |  |
| Field Crops  |  | Spiny Lobster |  |
| Food Fish    |  | Squash        |  |
| Forestry     |  | Stone Crab    |  |
| Goats        |  | Strawberries  |  |
| Honey        |  | Sugar Cane    |  |
| Horses       |  | Sweet Corn    |  |
| Horticulture |  | Tomatoes      |  |
| Lettuce      |  | Tropical Fish |  |
| Mangos       |  | Viticulture   |  |
| Mollusks     |  | Watermelon    |  |
| Mushrooms    |  | Wildflowers   |  |

# Florida's Animals and Agriculture are at Risk

Agriculture in Florida has an annual economic impact of over \$120 billion. This important industry faces great risks from potential natural and man-made disasters such as disease introduction and agroterrorism.

- Our borders are extremely porous with 14 major seaports, 20 commercial airports and hundreds of smaller airfields.
- On average, more than 112 million tourists with their luggage visit the state each year.
- Billions of tons of freight and over 11 million commercial and private cargo trucks enter Florida each year.
- More tropical storms and hurricanes hit Florida than any other state.



## Will you be ready when the next disaster strikes?

A hurricane is on the way. Thousands of residents with pets are looking for a pet-friendly shelter. Horses and livestock may need rescue from floods and downed fences. Citrus groves are threatened. Fish farms are at risk of flooding and electrical outage. Food could become contaminated. Livestock may be without food or water for days. Mosquito population levels are expected to drastically increase. What would your county do to meet the special needs of animals and agriculture? Who addresses these needs when a disaster strikes?

## SART Can Help

The SART multiagency coordination group partners with many agencies and organizations to provide skills and resources for an integrated response at the local and state levels.

SART supports emergency management and incident management teams by:

- Identifying and coordinating response resources.
- Establishing incident priorities.
- Sharing information.
- Fostering cooperation.
- Developing training.

## SART Responds to All Hazards

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Hurricanes              | Agroterrorism     |
| Floods                  | Bioterrorism      |
| Wildfires               | Food Adulteration |
| Foreign Animal Diseases | Vector Control    |

## About SART

SART is statutorily authorized under Chapter 252, State Emergency Management Act, Florida Statutes.

SART supports Emergency Support Function 17 (ESF 17) for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the lead agency for animal, agricultural and vector issues in the state.

**Mission Statement:** SART is a multiagency coordination group consisting of governmental and private entities dedicated to strengthening all-hazard disaster capabilities through partnerships. Florida SART will support an effective and coordinated incident response for the animal and agricultural sectors in the state of Florida.

## SART Partners

- FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- FL Animal Control Association
- FL Aquaculture Association
- FL Association of Kennel Clubs
- FL Cattlemen's Association
- FL Department of Health
- FL Farm Bureau Federation
- FL Fertilizer and Agrichemical Association
- FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- FL Fruit and Vegetable Association
- FL Nursery Growers and Landscape Association
- FL State Animal Response Coalition
- FL Veterinary Medical Association
- FL Veterinary Technician Association
- Humane Society of the United States
- Southeast Milk, Inc.
- Southern Plant Diagnostic Network
- The American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Veterinary Services
  - Wildlife Services
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency
- University of Florida
  - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
  - College of Veterinarian Medicine

