Division of Food Safety Response to Hurricane Michael

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Types of Incidents

- Natural disasters
- Food recalls
- Foodborne outbreaks
- Intentional food contamination
- Another food agency exceeds their capability to respond
State EOC activates October 8, 2018
Michael makes landfall October 10, 2018

- October 10, 2018 ~12:30 pm CDT
- Near Mexico Beach, FL
- 30.0N 85.5W
- Category 4 hurricane
- 155 mph winds
- 919 mb pressure
Food Safety Activates Incident Command Structure
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Food Safety and Recovery
Dairy Facilities
Activation

- One inspector in the area
- Staff based in Tallahassee conducted initial assessments via phone throughout event
- Physical assessments were attempted the Friday following
- BDI joined with Animal Industry to assist in getting to farms the following week
- Biggest Obstacle – Access/Coms/Nav
What we learned:

- Much easier to manage an event in a smaller area with limited staff needed
- Communications
- Waze
- Proper vehicles 4x4
- Fuel/Gas Management
0
Dairies OK but not operational

0
Dairies that can't be reached

0
Need Assistance

0
Number of Dairies Assessed

248
Number of Dairies Not Assessed
We’re not finished...
Questions?
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