



## LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY



### Press Release

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### Strain Statement on Tropical Storm Nate

**Baton Rouge, LA (October 5, 2017)** – Today, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., issued this statement pertaining to the tropical system expected to threaten the Gulf Coast region:

“While this storm is projected to be a fast moving storm, please be aware that heavy rain, possible flooding and intense wind are anticipated this weekend for Southeast Louisiana. Monitor your local forecasts and be prepared to move your livestock and protect your equipment from possible wind damage out of an abundance of caution,” said Strain.

Have a game plan in the event evacuations are called.

*Tips on preparing livestock trailers:*

- Check tire pressure and rubber for wear
- Test brake and running lights
- Inspect the overall condition of the trailer

*Important items to take:*

- Health records (especially proof of EIA testing for horses)
- Food and water
- Special medications
- Bridles or leads

Proper identification for livestock is crucial in the event of comingling.

Livestock owners who need assistance should call their local Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP).

As for household pets, identify a “pet friendly” hotel in advance of an evacuation, if necessary.

For more information on emergency preparation for livestock and family pets, go to [www.LDAF.la.gov](http://www.LDAF.la.gov) or [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).

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