For Immediate Release
Tropical Storm Eta

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Subject: Rural Residents Urged to Prepare Livestock for Potential Flooding

Residents in rural Palm Beach County are urged to make preparations to protect livestock such as horses, cows, pigs, poultry, goats, and other animals from potential flooding prior to the arrival of heavy rains from Tropical Storm Eta. Livestock and other animals should be moved to dry ground and every effort should be made to protect poultry during heavy downpours. Owners should be prepared with enough animal food for the coming week at minimum. It is also highly recommended that owners fill large containers with clean fresh water in the event that groundwater or wells become compromised. Perimeter fences should be checked to assure that there are no breaches.

Residents should also be alert to possible movement of alligators onto rural residential properties if canals or retention ponds overflow. Flood waters may also bring floating patches of fire ants as well as snakes. Property owners are urged to use caution when caring for livestock when water levels rise due to the potential for dangerous wildlife.

Pet owners are required to protect dogs and cats from the elements. Palm Beach County prohibits tethering of dogs unless the owner is outdoors and present at all times.