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Agricultural Producers Can Prepare for Flooding Now

DES MOINES – Producers in extreme Western Iowa may face flooding issues with projected crests along the Missouri River over the next two weeks. However, there is time to secure valuable farm infrastructure and minimize damage.

The Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture and Iowa State University have published a preparedness guide for multiple hazards, including floods. If a producer faces imminent flooding, preparation tips include:



- Secure structurally unstable materials (e.g. fuel and fertilizer tanks, lumber, logs, equipment).
- Keep surface water out of your well by sealing the well cap, and top of the well casing with heavy plastic and duct tape.
- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close gas valves.
- Turn off electrical power, gas and water supplies.
- Leave building doors and windows open at least 2 inches to equalize pressure and help prevent buildings from shifting.
- If possible, move motors and portable electric equipment to a dry location.

For a more complete flood preparedness checklist for farmers, visit www.prep4agthreats.org/Assets/Factsheets/Floods-and-Your-Farm.pdf.

For information on other hazards and natural disasters, see www.prep4agthreats.org.

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