Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said agricultural producers, cattlemen and livestock owners in coastal areas should take precautionary steps to protect equipment and livestock against flooding and other weather issues arising from a tropical weather pattern that is advancing on the Louisiana coast. “Heavy rains and wind gusts up to 40 to 50 miles per hour associated with Tropical Depression 13 in the Gulf of Mexico could potentially cause problems for your equipment and livestock over the weekend,” Strain said. “Farmers and livestock owners should be prepared and monitor advisories that are issued from their local governmental authorities.”

Louisiana Department of Animal Health and Food Safety officials said the agency encourages farmers and livestock owners to take precautionary measures to protect their equipment and livestock from potential flooding and other weather-related issues. Farmers and livestock owners are encouraged to contact their local emergency management offices for the latest information and advisories.