Baton Rouge, LA (August 28, 2012) – Emergency personnel within the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) continue to monitor and prepare for tropical weather in Louisiana.

“We are in continuous contact with the National Weather Service, other state agencies, local parishes and our partners as this storm system approaches. We’re monitoring for coastal and inland flooding so as you prepare your family, we stand ready to assist. We’ve also reached out to our stakeholders, such as the Louisiana Cattlemen’s Association, to ensure our cattlemen and farmers can recover from this storm as quickly as possible,” said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M.

Actions taken by LDAF:

- Delivered approximately 48,182 gallons of diesel fuel and 50,944 gallons of unleaded gasoline to shelters, parishes that have requested it, and transportation facilities to supply emergency response vehicles.
- Activated pet shelters in Alexandria and Bastrop. Alexandria pet shelter is housing 20 dogs, six cats, one turtle and one guinea pig.
- The Shreveport pet shelter is on standby.

With the assistance of DOTD, 40 wire cages/pet transporters were delivered to Belle Chasse.