

What is an impact diary?

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An impact diary records the impact that a natural disaster has had on your farm.

Keeping an impact diary is an important part of the recovery process from any natural disaster as it substantiates any claims you may make for grant funding applications or assistance packages. The impact diary records any costs, time and resources devoted to clean up tasks and enables a better estimate of financial loss.

Information to include in your impact diary

- Any stock losses
- Animal health costs and details
- Loss of farm supplies and inventory
- Fences destroyed or damaged – estimate in kilometres and describe type of fencing lost costs and associated with repair including materials and contractors
- Estimates of your own labour and management time associated with managing the disaster and recovery
- Draw down on existing inventory and supplies such as fencing materials and stored feed you may not have otherwise used
- Losses of pastures and standing crops – describe the type and extent and estimate standing feed if possible prior to the disaster
- Damage/loss of plant and machinery and water infrastructure
- Losses of stored feed (forages and grains) – describe type and damage
- Losses of tracks and laneways and costs associated with repair including materials and contractors

Why should I keep an impact diary?

Funding applications require documented evidence and fairly accurate estimates of financial loss incurred due to the impact of natural disasters. Documentation of these points in an impact diary will help you when it comes time to submit an application for funding.

How do I keep an impact diary?

You can keep an impact diary in a simple hard copy diary, writing notes as you go or, you may choose to keep it in a document on your computer. Whatever is most convenient and easy to maintain. Include key dates and times in your documentation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your regional extension officer.