The Great California ShakeOut

Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

Agriculture and Livestock

At 10:21 a.m. on October 21, 2021, millions of Californians will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in The Great California ShakeOut, the state's largest earthquake drill ever! All agriculture and livestock organizations such as farms, orchards, and ranches are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.

Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great California ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Register today at **ShakeOut.org/california**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what agriculture/livestock organizations can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More instructions and resources can be found at ShakeOut.org/california/howtoparticipate.

Plan Your Drill:
- Register at ShakeOut.org/california/register to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from ShakeOut.org/california/drill/broadcast.
- Have a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill at 10:21 a.m. on October 21. You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:
- Have a domestic animal and livestock emergency plan.
- Consider alternative power sources (e.g. generators) for dairy farms and indoor production systems.
- Know which paddocks to move livestock to keep them out of harm and secure items that may fall.
- Ensure you have adequate water and food and check regularly.

Share the ShakeOut:
- Encourage employees to ask their friends, families and neighbors to register.
- Ask colleagues at other businesses to participate.
- Posters, flyers, and other promotional materials at ShakeOut.org/california/resources.
- Share photos and stories of your drill at Shakeout.org/california/share.

As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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