# **Farm Readiness Checklist**

We all know no one can learn the nuances of our farms quickly, like which tractor needs a shot of ether to get rolling regardless of temperature but you can still have a plan in place. Being prepared can not only provide peace of mind in case something happens but can also help reduce stress by having a planned laid out now. Take a few minutes to write out your plan and put it where it can be easily found and give a copy to a trusted neighbor or friend.

**General Farm Information**

* Hired help contact info, primary job responsibilities
* Typical machinery dealership/repair services used
* Crop advisor/Farm manager name & number
* Crop insurance agent name & number
* Ag lender name & number

**Field Plans**

* Field Names & Locations
  + Highlight in Plat book if possible
  + Where is the field entrance, what side is best to start working from
* Intended Crop
* Seed Varieties, Where is Seed located, Who is your seed dealer
* Planting rates
* What still needs to be done? Tillage, Spring Fertilizer, Burndown
* Who is your retailer for chemical and fertilizer?
* Have spring chemical and nitrogen programs been finalized?

**Stored Crop Plans**

* Which bins may need to be watched more closely than others
* Do you have any upcoming delivery contacts? With who?
* Does anyone help market your crops?

**Livestock Plans**

* Still have cows to calve? Calving routine/processing procedures
* Which pastures do you have cows at, where do cows need to go when the grass greens up?
* Are there water needs?
* Hay storage? Mineral and protein tubs?
* Do you have feed brought in? Who is your supplier, are the deliveries automatic?
* What are your rations?
* Who is your vet?
* Hog barn routine? Clean out procedures?
* Who is your contact for who you grow for?
* Where do you get your feed? Is it automatic?
* Is there anyone you have come help for things like load out?
* Who is your vet?