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Smithfield Foods Prepares for Hurricane Florence

SMITHFIELD, Va., Sept. 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Smithfield Foods, Inc.](#) today shared that the company is fully prepared for the potential impact of Hurricane Florence, specifically in North Carolina and Virginia.

Smithfield has numerous operations, both plants and farms, and more than 14,000 employees across both states, and has enacted its hurricane preparedness procedures.

Employees in the company's eastern Virginia and North Carolina plants and on its approximately 250 company-owned farms and 1,500 contract farms are taking steps to protect people, animals, and buildings against wind and rain damage.

On its farms, the company has been closely monitoring and, as necessary, lowering lagoon levels in accordance with state regulations and farms' nutrient management plans, and encouraging its contract growers to do the same. Learn more about manure management [here](#), which is an ongoing, year-round process.

"The safety of our employees is top of mind and we will continue to actively monitor the storm's track and adjust production schedules accordingly," said Keira Lombardo, Smithfield Foods senior vice president of corporate affairs. "We will also remain in constant contact with state emergency and regulatory personnel throughout the event."

About Smithfield Foods

Smithfield Foods is a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. In the United States, the company is also the leader in numerous packaged meats categories with popular brands including Smithfield®, Eckrich®, Nathan's Famous®, Farmland®, Armour®, Farmer John®, Kretschmar®, John Morrell®, Cook's®, Gwaltney®, Carando®, Margherita®, Curly's®, Healthy Ones®, Morliny®, Krakus®, and Berlinki®. Smithfield Foods is committed to providing good food in a responsible way and maintains robust animal care, community involvement, employee safety, environmental and food safety and quality programs. For more information, visit www.smithfieldfoods.com, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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