Transporting pigs in changing weather conditions

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I am going to give you the answer 1st and work back to the question.

Be Prepared!
Something to think about

Fun Facts:

- 76,329 domestic flights take off each day in the US.
- 766,620 loads were hauled in the US for the year 2016.
- In ten days there are more flights in the US than a year's total loads hauled.
- Zero transport losses in 7 years for the aviation industry.
Why are they so successful?

- FAA designed a Preflight check list that covers all major systems of the plane that must be completed before take off.
- It takes an average of 30 minutes to complete a preflight check.
- Do you complete a preload check list?
- Do you know what needs to be on your preload list?
- How long does it take?
What Steps Should I Take to Protect my animals, Myself, and the Industry as a Whole?

- You are responsible for the safe and humane transport of the animals in your care!
- Being prepared for all possible hazards will help to reduce and prevent injury and losses during transit.
- The word prevent is important, focus on the PRE part of the word as in………..
- BEFORE
- After we can only point fingers?
Some basic items for a preload check list

- Map out the travel plan and have several back up routes.
- Online mapping is really pretty cool, if you bring it up just before you leave you can get up to date road construction and reported delays close to real time.
- This is important always but becomes more important in extreme weather event days.
Some basic items for a preload check list

- What is the total travel time?
- What are the weather conditions?
- Is the trailer ready to transport animals successfully in the conditions for the trip?
- Do you have a plan in place for changes in the conditions if they occur?
- Do you have the tools to make the right call?
Transporting animals in all weather conditions is a challenge.
Its that time of year again!

You can go from wide open to needing panels during the course of a trip.
Tips for set up success.
Hot weather

- New bedding is just as important in hot weather as it is in cold.
- Evaporative cooling is only possible if the water can evaporate during the drive.
- Too much water is worse than not enough.
- Stopping is a killer.
- Knowing where to get water along the route is important.
- The 28 hour rule is the maximum not the standard.
Tips for set up success. cold weather

- Warm and dry is how we succeed in cold weather.
- Panel/plug placement.
- No open contact with pigs.
- Venting is important for bedding life/dry conditions.
- Wet bedding will not dry out on the drive to pick up the next load.
- MYTH: Cattle never need panels in the cold.
- Cost of clean out and bedding plays no part in deciding what is needed.
- Once I load there is nothing I can do to change the truck set up.
How do I know when to make the change?

- Hot and cold weather set up guilds can be found in the TQA version 6 handbook on pages 33-37 or at http://www.pork.org/tqa-certification/tqa-program-materials/.

- A copy of this chart should be part of your standard operating procedures and readily available to all transporters within your system.
Electronic logging and animal welfare

Federal motor carrier safety administration frequently asked questions on ELD’s.

- [https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/faqs](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/faqs)

Electronic logging device facts and fiction.

- [https://eldfacts.com/eld-myths/](https://eldfacts.com/eld-myths/)

- Are you prepared for this change?
Activist groups are targeting you

- For years you were safe from these groups but that is no longer the case.
- Protecting yourself and industry is very important.
- Do not react to these people. The best response to a fool is silence.
- Speaking with these groups on camera will not help our cause.
- Make no mistake they are targeting you.
- Interacting with the livestock is a crime, standing in traffic is a crime in most areas. Report crimes to the plant or your dispatcher.
What do I Need to do as a Transporter to succeed in all weather conditions?

Finally the Question
THANK YOU

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With any questions you might have.