SAFETY GUIDE

FARM HAZARD CHECKLIST

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Farm accidents result from defective equipment, improper maintenance, poor management, and human factors! This hazard checklist can help you control accidents in your own farming operation by guiding you in spotting and correcting hazards.

Every “No” answer identifies a problem which needs to be corrected. Use this checklist to promote safety with your family and employees.

FARM BUILDINGS

1. Are buildings free of unnecessary accumulations of trash, litter, and junk? Yes___ No___
2. Are stairs and permanent ladders in good condition? Yes___ No___
3. Are passageways clear with no tools, buckets, etc., in them to cause falls? Yes___ No___
4. Are buildings well lighted? Yes___ No___
5. Are light fixtures in places with combustible materials protected against breakage? Yes___ No___
6. Is the telephone number of the fire department posted near the telephone? Yes___ No___
7. Is electrical wiring checked and verified as sound? Yes___ No___
8. Are pesticides kept in their original containers with label intact? Yes___ No___
9. Are pesticides stored out of reach of children and locked up? Yes___ No___
10. Are the right size and type of fire extinguishers mounted at building entrances? Yes___ No___
11. Are family members and employees instructed on the use of fire extinguishers? Yes___ No___
12. Are there other provisions for fire fighting such as water source, hoses, and ladders? Yes___ No___
13. Are flammable liquids stored in UL approved safety metal containers? Yes___ No___
14. Are “No Smoking” signs posted and enforced around buildings where flammable materials are stored? Yes___ No___
15. Are power cords to portable equipment visibly checked before each use? Yes___ No___

FARM YARD

1. Is there clear vision in both directions as you enter the highway from the farm driveway? Yes___ No___
2. Is the driveway entrance wide enough to permit entering or leaving without swinging trucks or tractors into the opposite lane of traffic? Yes___ No___
3. Is the farmstead kept free from rubbish piles of old boards, nails, wire, and glass? Yes___ No___
4. Are children protected from dangers of uncovered water tanks, wells, and ponds? Yes___ No___
5. Are power distribution lines serving outbuildings high enough so tall machinery can't contact them? Yes___ No___

FIELDS AND WOODLOTS
1. Are farm machinery operators warned of overturning hazards in connection with terraces, slopes, and ditches? Yes___ No___
2. Are low branches of trees trimmed when machinery must pass under? Yes___ No___
3. Are tractor tippers such as stumps and rocks removed from fields? Yes___ No___
4. Are holes filled or flagged? Yes___ No___
5. Are large immovable obstacles flagged? Yes___ No___

FARM MACHINERY
1. Are safe operating rules known and observed by all? Yes___ No___
2. Are shields and guards always in place when operating? Yes___ No___
3. Is power always shut off before adjusting, unclamping, or servicing a power-driven machine? Yes___ No___
4. Are children kept off and away from machinery and wagons in operation? Yes___ No___
5. Are tractors equipped with roll-over protection? Yes___ No___
6. Are tractors and self-propelled machines equipped with chemical fire extinguishers and first aid kits? Yes___ No___
7. Are slow-moving vehicle emblems mounted on farm equipment transported on public roads? Yes___ No___
8. Are hitches sturdy and safety chains used when on public roads? Yes___ No___
9. Is mounted equipment lowered when leaving the tractor? Yes___ No___
10. Are tractor brakes set evenly? Yes___ No___

FARM SHOP
1. Are all stationary power tools properly grounded? Yes___ No___
2. Are portable power tools either double insulated or three-wire grounded type? Yes___ No___
3. Are stationary tools such as grinders, saws, etc., properly shielded with shields always in place when in use? Yes___ No___
4. Is shop floor kept clean? Are benches tidy and drawers kept shut? Yes___ No___
5. Are oil-saturated and paint rags disposed of or stored in metal containers? Yes___ No___
6. Are cutting tools (saws, axes, knives, etc.) kept sharp and stored so they can't fall on someone? Yes___ No___
7. Is welding area well ventilated? Yes___ No___
8. Is personal protective equipment kept ready in the shop? Yes___ No___
9. Are flammable liquids stored in UL approved metal containers and away from heat sources? Yes___ No___
10. Is the shop well lighted with extra light for bench work? Yes___ No___

This hazard checklist is designed to guide you in spotting and correcting hazardous conditions before they cause accidents. Because of limited space, this checklist does not cover all hazard areas but does cover many hazards connected with farm work sites and equipment.

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