

# FARM INSPECTION CHECKLIST



Your employees are key to the care of your crops! This handy checklist reminds you what to look for in a safety check and will help ensure that you and your employees get home safely at the end of each day. A few minutes spent on a safety check can prevent a lifetime of loss.

## TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

- Are your employees aware of basic farm hazards, risks and controls?
- Do you have employees trained to use available emergency equipment and procedures?

## FIRST AID

- Are first aid kits stocked and readily available?
- Are employees trained in first aid and CPR?

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Where hazards exist:

- Is head protection available and worn?
- Is foot protection available and worn?
- Is eye and face protection available and worn?
- Is hearing protection available and worn?
- Is protective clothing like gloves and overalls available and worn?

## FIRE PROTECTION

- Are ABC fire extinguishers located for easy access and maintained in good condition?
- Are flammable and combustible materials stored safely?
- Is the electrical system inspected regularly?
- Is combustible dust a concern in silos?

## WORKING IN EXTREMES OF TEMPERATURE

- Do you have measures to address working in the sun and in extreme temperatures (heat and cold)?
- Are employees trained to recognize the signs of dehydration, heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke?
- Do you provide employees with cool shaded work areas or air-conditioned rest areas?
- Do workers wear proper protective clothing such as wide brim hats, light-coloured long sleeve shirts and sunglasses?
- Do workers use proper sun protection such as SPF 30, or higher, that is water-resistant?
- Do workers have access to safe drinking water?
- When possible, is work scheduled to minimize heat exposure (early morning or evenings, not between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)?

## FARM/SHOP MAINTENANCE

- Are tools stored properly?
- Are work areas clean and orderly to provide safe working conditions?
- Are power tools free from damaged cords?
- Is appropriate PPE available for welding?
- Are exhaust fans running properly?
- Is there adequate lighting to provide a safe working area?

## HANDLING MATERIALS

- Do your employees know how to safely lift or move equipment, animals and crops?
- Is all equipment used to handle materials maintained in good condition?

## EQUIPMENT

- Is all equipment in proper working condition (refer to manufacturer specs for inspection and maintenance requirements)?
- Does all powered mobile equipment (tractors, loaders, forklifts, etc.) have rollover protection?
- Are pre-use inspections completed before use?
- Are warning signs on equipment legible and appropriately positioned?
- Is the operator of powered mobile equipment wearing their seatbelt?

## MECHANICAL SAFETY

- Is equipment safeguarded to prevent entanglement, such as power take-off?
- Are hot surfaces shielded to prevent burns?

## WORKING/WALKING SURFACES

- Are work areas clear of clutter?
- Are materials secured to prevent falling from above?
- Do your employees have suitable footwear for various working conditions?
- Are spills immediately cleaned up?
- Do you have procedures to deal with various weather conditions and walking surfaces to prevent slips and falls?

## CHEMICAL SAFETY

- Are all product containers labelled properly?
- Are employees trained in WHMIS and in the proper use, storage, disposal and emergency procedures of hazardous products?

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