



FARM SAFETY CHECK

SILAGE & HAY HARVEST SAFETY CHECKLIST

Warm weather means hay and silage season for many farms. Moving parts, dust, long days, and roadway hazards are a few of the ways haying and silage harvest can become dangerous. Prevent a serious illness, injury, or delay that could result from skipping on safety.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Are equipment and machinery maintained and functioning properly? For example: tractor, baler, chopper, haybine, hay rake, semi or chopper box, unloaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are guards, shields, and safety stickers in place and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is maintenance done only when equipment is powered down? Consider a lock-out-tag-out system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are equipment operators aware of any steep inclines, ravines, or obstacles in the field that are hazardous?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are children kept away from this work site and off equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are workers wearing slim-fit clothes, no-slip work shoes, a safety vest, and cloth face masks? Even if a worker is alone when operating machinery, COVID-19 particles can linger in the cab.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does roadway equipment have proper lighting and slow-moving signage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you keeping three points of contact when climbing structures like silos?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are workers using established hand signals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you minimizing cross-team exposure by coordinating work schedules for individuals residing together?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are high touch surfaces (vehicles, offices, break spaces, etc.) disinfected or sanitized with a focus on the vehicle?			
Are harvest team members trained with safety instructions and emergency procedures? Are these procedures updated with COVID-19 in mind?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there an ABC Fire Extinguisher in all equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ___ / ___ / ___

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Silage Storage Farm Safety Check

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
<http://umash.umn.edu/farm-safety-check-silage-storage/>

Silage Safety: Harvest Time

Keith Bolsen Silage Safety Foundation & Connor Agriscience
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=jDBAyDepKPA

Forage Harvesting Safety

University of Illinois Extension
<https://extension.illinois.edu/agsafety/factsheets/fhs.cfm>

Safe Forage Harvesting

PennState Extension
<https://extension.psu.edu/safe-forage-harvesting>

Tips for Safe Hay Baling

The Ohio State University
<https://cfaes.osu.edu/news/articles/tips-for-safe-hay-baling>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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