



FARM SAFETY CHECK



SILAGE & HAY HARVEST SAFETY CHECKLIST

Warm weather means hay and silage season for many farms. Moving parts, dusts, 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 by checking in with the harvest team this month.

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 |
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| 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 properly fitting clothing? Slim-fit clothes and no-slip work shoes are necessary. | <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 and wearing a safety vest on the work site? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Are harvest team members trained with safety instructions, emergency procedures? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Is there an ABC Fire Extinguisher charged and ready to use in all equipment? | | | |
| Are equipment operators aware of the limitations of their equipment? | | | |

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

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Silage Storage Farm Safety Check

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

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

VIDEO - 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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