



FARM SAFETY SURVEY



COLORADO FARM BUREAU FARM SAFETY SURVEY

Date: _____

This survey is designed to help you evaluate the level of safety on your farming operation. We hope that you will be encouraged by recognizing safe actions currently in place, and motivated to address potential hazards that have not been recognized before now.

This survey is only for your use and viewing, and you have the only copy for your operation. When using this survey you will need to adapt it to your specific operation. Some of the questions may not address activities specific to your operation. Some of the questions may not apply to your operation.

This survey should be reviewed annually to recognize progress and new areas that may need to be addressed. If you are using this survey without a Colorado Farm Bureau Safety Coordinator to assist you, remember it is designed to stimulate thought on creating a safer work environment for you, your family, and your employees.

If you would like a Colorado Farm Bureau Safety Coordinator to assist you with this survey or help create a safety plan for your operation, please call the Colorado Farm Bureau, Farm Safety Coordinator at. 970-242-5590

FARM MACHINERY

1. Is tractor equipped with a ROPS (Roll-Over Protective Structure) (i.e. rollbar/rollcage & seatbelt)?
2. Are SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) signs in place and reflective?
3. Are PTO (Power Take-Off) shields in place and properly attached?
4. Are proper guards and shields in place on all equipment including balers, combines, and grain wagons?
5. Are danger and warning decals prominently displayed on all equipment?
6. Are all farm vehicles equipped with seatbelts?
7. Do tractors and equipment have working hazard lights for road travel?
8. Is farm machinery equipped with fire extinguishers?
9. Are regular maintenance duties performed on all equipment?
10. Have all workers, including family members, been properly trained to safely operate tractors and equipment?
11. Are all safety stops and emergency shut-off switches in place and working properly?
12. Are keys removed from idle machinery?

FARM CHEMICALS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Are all agri-chemicals stored in original containers with easily read labels in a locked room, building or cabinet?
2. Are danger signs posted at your chemical storage area?
3. Are gasoline and other fuels stored in appropriate and clearly marked containers?
4. Are appropriate PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment) available when working with chemicals or hazardous materials?
5. Are appropriate equipment and materials available for cleaning up spilled chemicals or hazardous materials?
6. Are MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) available for all hazardous substances?

FARM SHOP

1. Is shop floor clear of debris, tools, and spills?
2. Is shop well lighted and well ventilated?
3. Are safety guards in place on all power equipment such as bench grinders, table saws, and air compressors?
4. Are safety glasses or face shields available for use with power tools?
5. Are electrical cords in good condition without any cuts, frays, or exposed wires?
6. Are load ratings visibly marked on hoists?
7. Are air compressors equipped with pressure relief valves and pressure gauges?
8. Are compressed gas welding cylinders clearly marked?
9. Have all welding gauges, hoses, and fittings been checked for leaks?
10. Have work and electrode lead cables of arc welders been inspected for wear and damage?

FARMSTEAD

1. Are unattached dual tires securely fastened or lying down?
2. Have fuel storage tanks been checked for leaks and secured to prevent theft?
3. Are designated play areas for children fenced in, away from livestock, traffic areas, and machinery?
4. Are livestock pens and working areas securely gated?
5. Are livestock pens and working areas designed to allow workers to enter and exit safely and quickly?
6. Are livestock barns sufficiently lighted?
7. Are hay bales stacked securely?
8. Are litter and manure storage areas secured?
9. Are feed and grain storage areas secured?
10. Can livestock be fed safely from outside of fences or without leaving equipment or vehicles?
11. Are water safety stations located beside stock ponds, recreational ponds, or commercial fish ponds?

The following tips address some common accident situations in Colorado.

1. Before leaving a field to enter a roadway, make sure the SMV emblem is clear of dirt and debris.
2. Try to use pilot vehicles whenever possible while transporting equipment on a roadway.
3. Never allow passengers on tractors or equipment.
4. Be mindful of overhead power lines when using front end loaders, forklifts, or augers or irrigation pipe.
5. Never allow anyone near the rear of a tractor or around a power unit when a PTO is in use.
6. A four-wheel ATV or utility vehicle can cause serious injury when used improperly or overloaded.
7. Remind children that the farm shop and the area around it are not safe places to play.

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