

EVERY FARMER COUNTS

BE SMART, BE SAFE, AND LIVE ANOTHER DAY!



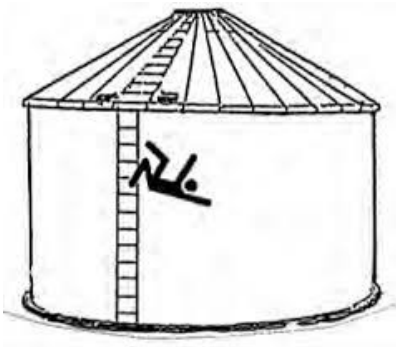
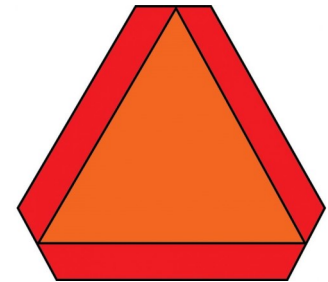
Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest times and the most dangerous season of the year for the agriculture industry. The third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

Whether you are an expert in farm equipment or not, just a few safety precautions to take while operating farm equipment. Machinery is one of the top causes of fatal agricultural injuries.

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) is dedicated to preventing illnesses, injuries, and deaths among farmers and ranchers, agricultural and horticultural workers, their families, and their employees. NECAS will be holding FREE Webinars September 21st -25th. View the [webinar flyer](#). For webinar details; to register, visit the [AgriSafe Network NFSHW webpage](#).

10 Safety Tips to Remember About Farm Equipment and Their Uses

1. Read and comply with manual for each piece of equipment.
2. Follow and keep up with federal and state laws.
3. Also keep slow moving-emblem (SMV) clean, visible, and properly mounted.
4. Dress appropriately, avoid loose clothing.
5. Ensure you are well rested.
6. Avoid alcohol.
7. Maintain awareness – stay focused and be aware of what you are doing.
8. Adjust guards, shields, and access doors accordingly.
9. Keep children and animals away from working areas.
10. Farm equipment safety starts with you! Know how to properly use your equipment and keep your farm buildings safe.



Use a harness to prevent falls.

Grain Bin Safety

Moving grain acts like “quicksand” and can bury and suffocate you in seconds! **NEVER** stand on moving/flowing grain. Always avoid entering a grain storage bin – if at all possible. If you have to enter, follow these rules: **TURN OFF** and disconnect, lock out, or block-off all powered equipment, especially grain-moving equipment (like augers). **USE** a body harness with an anchored lifeline or boatswain chair when entering from a level at or above stored grain, with 2 spotters. **TEST** the bin’s air to ensure there is enough oxygen and no toxic and/or flammable gas. **DO NOT** walk on or “down” the grain to make it flow. **DO NOT** enter onto or below bridged grain or when grain is built up on sides. **DO NOT** enter without having rescue equipment and a rescue-trained observer stationed outside who is in constant contact with you. **CONFIRM** from your employer’s issued entry permit that all safety precautions are in place and it is safe to enter.