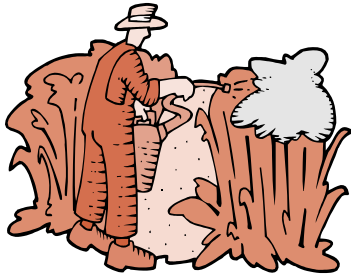


CONGRATULATIONS!

By completing this checklist and putting in place the necessary changes, you have made your farm a safer place.

Please contact one of Colorado State University's Safety and Health Consultants if you would like assistance with identifying hazards and finding practical solutions



This checklist is not all-inclusive. You may have unique aspects to your operations that were not address here. Take some time to consider the behaviors and equipment that could cause an accident. Ask yourself what could I do to be safer. After all, protecting your health and safety will ultimately protect your family and your business.



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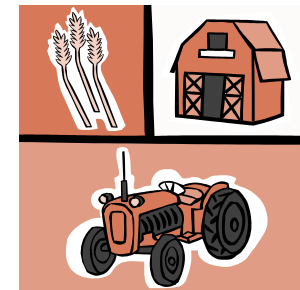
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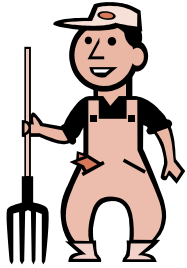
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- Personal Protective Equipment
- Flammables and Combustibles



Small Acreage Health and Safety
Checklist



WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY?



An important part of managing your farm is to ensure the health and safety of yourself, your family, your employees, and other people such as customers, visitors or truck drivers who visit your workplace.

In order to provide a safe workplace you need to be aware of what can cause harm and then take action to ensure no one is at risk while they are in your workplace.

The following checklist is designed to help you identify those aspects of your operation that can be hazardous. Once you know what your hazards are you can:

- Eliminate the hazard
- Buy products and machinery that can accomplish the same task but are less dangerous
- Install safeguards or mechanical ventilation in areas that are very dusty or contain toxic gases
- Modify work practices (behavior) so that you and your workers can avoid the hazard
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) when other methods don't mitigate the hazard

CHEMICALS

- Chemicals are stored in a locked cabinet or room
- Each person who uses a chemical has read and understands the label
- Chemicals are kept in their original containers and labels are intact and readable
- Chemical handling and mixing takes place near an eyewash and safety shower
- Manufacturer instructions complied with as regards to product use, handling and disposal
- Unused chemicals safely disposed—Check with local authority for hazardous waste disposal
- Gloves fit and are resistant to the chemical being used
- Chemical goggles are worn when mixing and using chemicals

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Respirator or dust mask fits and protects against the airborne chemical or dust of concern
- Safety glasses are worn when there is a potential for flying debris
- PPE is used, stored, and thrown away according to the manufacturer's recommendations

FLAMMABLES AND COMBUSTIBLES

- Flammables are stored in NFPA approved containers and cabinets
- Above ground fuel storage tanks at least 40 feet from any building
- Fuel tanks are protected by barriers
- NO SMOKING signs are posted and obeyed

- Flammable liquid containers are grounded and bonded when dispensing
- Waste oil is recycled or disposed of on a regular basis

FIRE

- Each building has a fully charged ABC-type fire extinguisher readily available
- Fire extinguishers checked regularly to ensure they are charged
- Building exits are free of obstructions
- Each person knows how to use fire extinguisher

COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS

- Main valve is closed and no pressure on regulator when not in use
- Cylinders labeled
- Cylinders chained to wall or cart and stored where they can't be knocked over
- Empty cylinders returned to dealer

WELDING/CUTTING

- Flash arrestor is in-line
- Cables are in good condition
- Work is done in well ventilated area
- Appropriate PPE is worn; Mask, gloves, apron

WORK ABOVE SIX FEET

- Ladders over 25 feet have cages
- Rails installed on raised platforms
- A harness is worn and person is tied off when working on a roof or from a ladder
- Damaged ladders are fixed or replaced (bent rungs, missing feet, etc.)