

THIS IS NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, SO -

DON'T TAKE CHANCES ... TAKE CARE!

SAFETY ON THE FARM IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER

MR. FARMER ...

READ THE CHECKLIST BELOW - It will help you correct any existing farm hazards - and may be the answer to more secure and productive farming on your farm ...



CLIP THIS LIST OUT FOR REFERENCE ...

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- V Do you keep guards in place on power belts, chains and shafts?
- V Do you keep children away from farm machinery?
- V Do you avoid wearing loose-fitting or torn clothing and gloves?
- V Do you block movable machinery and turn off power before adjustments or unclogging procedures?
- V Do you avoid climbing over or around a running combine or thresher?
- V Do you avoid operating tractors on dangerous and steep inclines or banks?
- V Do you avoid stepping over or under moving belts?
- V Do you keep tractor speed to 4 1/2 miles per hour for off-the-road operations?
- V Do you do all pulling from the drawbar, avoiding pulling from the axle?
- V Do you check over your farm machinery at regular intervals for preventive maintenance?

If you've answered YES to all these items, congratulations and remember, there are many more safe farming procedures not listed here.

ANIMALS

- V Do you speak to animals as you approach them to reassure them?
- V Do you keep children away from pens and barns when you're not around?
- V Have cattle been dehorned and boar tusks cut short?
- V Do you use special care in handling animals with newborn young?
- V Do you insure the stability and security of animal enclosures?
- V Do you avoid handling bulls by providing safe bullpens?

HAND TOOLS

- V Are hammer and axe handles secure and in condition?
- V Do you have a definite, safe place for every tool not in use?
- V Are dangerous tools kept away from children play areas?

If you've answered YES to all these items, take pride but remember there are still more potential hazards than we have space for here.

BUILDING AND FARMYARD

- V Are all electrical circuits equipped with the proper fuse loads?
- V Do you know first aid for shock (electrical), bleeding, broken bones, etc?
- V Are you insuring that all electrical appliances are in safe working condition?
- V Do you have ample safeguards on stairways, doorways and working areas?
- V Do you avoid loose materials overhead?
- V Do you protect water-tanks, cisterns, well or pools from danger to children?
- V Are metal-roofed buildings properly grounded?
- V Are lightning rods (points, groundings and connections) in good condition?
- V Are haymows, working or living areas adequately lighted?
- V Do you keep the farm yard clear of garden tools, forks, rubbish, etc?

If you've answered YES to all these items, you're insuring the life of your farm but there's probably still more that can be done to avoid pitfalls.

FIRES

- V Do you have an emergency water supply available (pond, barrels, hose attachment)?
- V Do you avoid leaving gasoline or oil-saturated rags lying around?
- V Do you avoid burning rubbish or unwanted grass on windy days or near buildings?
- V Do you know the purpose for different fire extinguishers?
- V Are proper extinguishers placed in strategic locations?
- V Do you avoid smoking around dangerous or volatile materials?
- V Do you have a working agreement with nearby neighbors for fire rescue if organized rural fire department is not available?
- V Do you supplement fire fighting equipment with sand boxes?
- V Do you periodically clear out all potentially inflammable material from building areas?

If you've answered YES to all these items, best wishes for continued vigilance, but remember there's always more that can be done in making farms safe.

APPLY FIRST AID PROMPTLY

Keep first aid kits in the barn, in the home, and on tractors. Seconds count when infections may set in.

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