SAFETY ON THE FARM IS A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

TAKE TIME TO CARE

Mr. Farmer

Read the check list below. It will help you correct any existing farm hazards and maintain a safer, happier farm.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- Do you keep guards in place on power belts, chains and shafts?
- Do you keep children away from farm machinery?
- Do you avoid wearing loose-fitting or torn clothing and gloves?
- Do you block movable machinery and turn off power before adjustments or unclogging procedures?
- Do you avoid climbing over or around a running combine or thresher?
- Do you avoid operating tractors on dangerous
- and steep inclines or banks?
- Do you avoid stepping over or under moving
- Do you keep tractor speed to 41/2 miles per hour for off-the-road operations?
- Do you do all pulling from the drawbar, avoiding pulling from the axle?
- Do you check over your farm machinery at regular intervals for preventative mainten-

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

ANIMALS

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

HAND TOOLS

animal enclosures?

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

pride but remember there are still more potential hazards than we have space for here.

If you've answered YES to all these items, take

BUILDING AND FARMYARD

- Are all electrical circuits equipped with the proper fuse loads?
- Do you know first aid for shock (electrical), bleeding, broken bones, etc?
- Are you sure that all electrical appliances are in safe working condition?
- Do you have ample safeguards on stairways,
- doorways and working areas?
- Do you avoid loose materials overhead?
- Do you protect water-tanks, cisterns, well or pools from danger to children?
- grounded?

Are metal roofed buildings properly

- Are lightning rods (points, groundings and connections) in good condition?
- Are haymows, working or living areas adequately lighted?
- 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.

- available (pond, barrels, hose attachment)?
- Do you avoid leaving gasoline or oil-saturated rags lying around?

- rural fire department is not available? Do you supplement fire fighting equipment
- Do you periodically clear out all potentially
- inflammable material from building areas?

wishes for continued vigilance, but remember there's always more that can be done in making farms safe.

APPLY FIRST AID PROMPTLY

tractors. Seconds count when infections may set in.

FARM SAFETY IS YOUR CONCERN

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL SAFETY

Pesticides and similar chemicals are needed to obtain good crops of high quality food and fibers.

The manufacturers of these chemicals meet the requirements and standards established by government regulations before producing them for agricultural use. It then becomes the responsibility of the farmer to exercise care in handling, applying and storing chemicals, including proper disposal of empty containers.

FOUR KEYS TO PESTICIDE SAFETY

1. LABEL

Read everything on the label and follow instructions to the last word. Use common sense to bridge the gap between what is written on the label and the actual chemical application.

Farmers should plan their application programs thoroughly. Use the RIGHT chemical at the RIGHT time for the RIGHT job.

Use the appropriate respirator when required. Wear the Prescribed type of clothing or skin covering as noted on the label or on special instructions. Keep children away from mixing, dusting or spraying areas.

3..STORAGE

All agricultural chemicals should be stored where there is no chance of contact with human food or livestock feeds. Keep chemicals in their original containers - never in pop bottles, canning jars or other unmarked containers, especially those used for food or drink. To protect children and animals, return unused portions, that you wish to keep, to safe storage promptly.

4. DISPOSAL

Never dispose of chemical containers or small leftover amounts in garbage cans or dumps accessible to children. Get rid of empty chemical containers immediately. Crush, break and bury metal or glass chemical containers whenever possible. When burning containers, do not inhale fumes. Gases released from the heat may be extremely dangerous and poisonous.

- years of age are caused annually by carelessness with pesticides.
- -Over 4,000 tons of pesticides are used yearly to control destructive insects.
- -Farmers could suffer a substantial economic loss i

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Do you have an emergency water supply

FIRES

- grass on windy days or near buildings?

Do you avoid burning rubbish or unwanted

- Do you know the purpose for different fire extinguishers?
- Are proper extinguishers placed in strategic locations?
- Do you avoid smoking around dangerous or volatile materials?
- Do you have a working agreement with nearby neighbors for fire rescue if organized
- with sand boxes?
- If you've answered YES to all these items, best

Keep first aid kits in the barn, in the home, and on

THINK ABOUT THESE FACTS

- -Approximately 250 avoidable accidents to children under five
- -Children most often come into harmful contact with chemicals because of adult negligence.
- regulatory agencies protecting consumers find too much residue on their crops from misuse of chemicals.

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