

Farm Safety Tips

- ❖ Wear protective clothing when applying pesticides (April through July)
- ❖ Keep all shields on power take off parts and other moving parts in place (April through June and September through November)
- ❖ Wear tight clothing and look for ticks after work (May through September)
- ❖ Use sunscreen on exposed skin with at least a protective factor of 15 especially early in the summer (April through June)
- ❖ Wear steel toed shoes with non-slip soles (All growing season)
- ❖ Turn off equipment and block wheels when making repairs or adjustments. (All growing season)
- ❖ Always use seat belt on tractors equipped with rollover protection device (All season)
- ❖ Use slow moving vehicle signs on all equipment and vehicles on highways (All growing season)
- ❖ Use flashing lights on tractors so equipped when on public roads (All season)
- ❖ Use earplugs or ear protective devices when around noisy equipment (All growing season)
- ❖ Use sunglasses with appropriate UV protection (All season)
- ❖ Keep children away from all equipment and know their whereabouts at all times (All season)
- ❖ Do not allow children to ride tractors or other vehicles and equipment without being a part of the protective devices of the vehicle. (All season)
- ❖ Make sure equipment is properly hitched and all potentially loose items are placed tightly in place particularly for high speed transport (All season)
- ❖ Use respirators in conditions of high dust potential (blowing soils, pesticides, fertilizers) (April through September)
- ❖ Make sure all flammable devices are properly kept in appropriate containers and stored in appropriate locations (All season)

- ❖ When coupling or uncoupling high pressure hydraulic or other type of hoses, keep eyes covered and/or cover potential leaks and bursts with rag or similar device. (All season)
- ❖ Make sure all air compressors and related equipment are in good working order with pressure properly maintained. Protect eyes and other vital parts from direct streams/bursts of air. (All season)
- ❖ Make sure to provide plenty of clean drinking water, especially during hot periods. (May through August)
- ❖ Keep shady areas available for workers during the hot summer months (June through August)
- ❖ Stop/shut off mowers when dismounting equipment (Landscapers only – April through October)
- ❖ Turn off gasoline engines when refueling (All season)
- ❖ Keep large water containers covered to prevent drowning and mosquito breeding (All season)
- ❖ Be sure pant legs are tucked in or kept tight to prevent catching on machinery and reducing problems with ticks (All season)
- ❖ Have and keep in good working order back-up warning devices on all equipment and trucks operating near groups of people (All season)
- ❖ Have one or more individuals trained in First Aid and keep First Aid kits in areas of significant work (All season)
- ❖ Keep emergency phone numbers posted near all phones (All season)
- ❖ Use back support devices when doing repetitive lifting and lift from the legs not from the back (All season)
- ❖ Do not operate equipment when on strong medication that causes drowsiness or other impairment (All season)
- ❖ Train and retrain all workers who use equipment in its proper operation. Keep operator's manual in an appropriate place that all can access. (All season)
- ❖ Keep all air filters and cabs on tractors and combines clean and in good working order (September through November)

- ❖ Use protective eyewear when handling pesticides or when other eye injuring situations occur. (All season)
- ❖ Store pesticides in storage areas that are locked and under limited control. (All season)
- ❖ Use ground faulted electrical outlets particularly around places of moisture. (All season)
- ❖ Be sure brakes and other control devices on tractors and other vehicles are in good working order (All season)
- ❖ When working with animals in confined areas, be sure to position yourself so that you are not unavoidably injured by erratic animal movements. (All season)