



Farm Safety Checklist

Though farming is a high-risk occupation, many hazards can be reduced. Use this checklist as a practical tool to help recognize existing risks, start conversations, and strengthen safety on the farm. If you answer “no” to a question, make a plan to fix it using the action page provided. Most questions apply to all farms, but cross out any that are not applicable to your operation.

Ready to get started? Use this checklist as a practical tool to spot risks, start conversations, and strengthen safety on your farm.

YES	NO	
Training & Supervision		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is everyone trained to safely complete their work?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does everyone understand how to identify and control hazards they are exposed to?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does everyone know what to do in case of an emergency?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is competent and sufficient supervision ensured for all workers?
First Aid		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there always someone trained in first aid readily available and accessible in case of an emergency?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are first aid kits available and accessible regardless of where employees are working?
Communication		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are employees always able to communicate with someone who has authority, if they have questions, concerns, etc?
Working Alone		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a written procedure for working alone?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are employees aware of the work they are never to do alone (such as working in a confined space, working with chainsaws)?
Farm Equipment & Machinery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are circle checks completed before using a tractor or any other powered mobile equipment?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are passengers prohibited from riding on farm equipment?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all powered mobile equipment and machinery in good working order?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do operators stop their mobile equipment when they see a child/ animal nearby or they are unsure if someone else is near the equipment?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are equipment and machines properly de-energized and locked out before unclogging, adjusting or maintaining?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all safeguards in place?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do tractor operators (as well as other powered mobile equipment) wear their seatbelts?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do tractor operators climb in and out of the cab using three points of contact?
Confined Spaces (silos, manure pits, hoppers, large tanks, wells)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a written procedure for working in confined spaces?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are confined spaces kept locked?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there signs reminding people not to enter a confined space unless they have received the proper training?
Power Hand Tools		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all electrical outlets have proper 3 pronged receptacles?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all tools in good working order and have proper shields in place?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are tools unplugged when not in use?
Pesticides, Fertilizers & Other Chemicals		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all chemicals stored in their original containers and labeled?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are non-compatible chemicals in storage physically isolated from one another?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all empty chemical containers discarded promptly and safely?



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do employees wear steel toed boots when working around livestock, machinery or other heavy equipment, materials?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do employees wear hearing protection when they are exposed to noise above 85 db?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do employees wear rubber gloves and respirators when handling chemicals and protective work gloves when handling wood and animals?
YES	NO	Fuel Storage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are areas around fuel tanks and pumps kept free of weeds, trash and other materials?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are "No Smoking" signs posted in all fuel storage and handling areas and other places where combustible materials are located?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are approved safety containers always used to store small quantities of gasoline, kerosene or diesel fuel?
YES	NO	Electricity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all wiring, power cords, plugs and switches in farm buildings and around the farm kept in good condition?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all electrical cords (including extension cords) intact? (no frayed cords)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are ground fault circuit interrupters used on extension cords when working in or around wet areas?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are overhead wires in the farm yard area and near field entrances high enough to adequately clear machinery?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all light bulbs in livestock or storage buildings shielded or protected from breakage?
YES	NO	Working At Heights
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are ladders and stepladders inspected before use?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are ladders and stepladders in good working condition?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are 3 points of contact maintained when working with a ladder?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are fall protection measures used when working on roofs and other elevated surfaces?
YES	NO	Livestock
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do workers ensure there is always an exit available when working with animals?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As they approach an animal, do workers calmly announce their arrival?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do workers keep a look out for aggressive behaviors?
YES	NO	Sun Safety & Heat
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do workers wear light colored clothing and a large brimmed hat on hot days?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do workers wear sun screen?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are workers provided with cool shaded rest areas?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do workers have access to safe drinking water?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When possible, do you start working earlier (or later) in the day so that you are not working when the temperature reaches its daily maximum?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the more physically demanding tasks completed during the coolest time of the day?
YES	NO	Ergonomics
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When lifting an item, is the weight kept below 50 lb for a man and 30 lb for a woman?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are 5 minute breaks taken at least every hour when doing repetitive tasks or when sitting or standing for long periods of time?
YES	NO	Dust & Mold
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are buildings that are storing large amounts of dusty materials well ventilated?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When working in dusty conditions, do workers wear respirators?

