

FARM SAFETY REVIEW



Disclaimer: This is a simple worksheet to help you make your farm safer. It is not complete or exhaustive, but more of a starting point or point of review. If you require assistance, please contact **AgSafe Alberta** at info@agsafeab.ca or visit www.agsafeab.ca for learning opportunities, tools and resources.

Farm Name			
Work Area(s)		Date Completed	

Quick Tips:

- Walk your farm with this list (or a formal checklist from AgSafe Alberta)
- Involve workers and family members – more eyes mean less missed hazards.
- Schedule seasonal reviews (e.g., before harvest, during calving season).
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Question	Things I Can Do
Safety Starts at the Top	
Do I truly prioritize safety over speed, production targets, or short-term costs?	
Would I be comfortable with my own family or children working under the same conditions as my workers?	
Have I documented my safety policies, and do all workers know and follow them?	
Do I have documented procedures and/or safe work practices, and do all workers know and follow them?	
When was the last time I walked the entire operation specifically looking for hazards, rather than doing routine tasks?	
When was the last time I walked the entire operation, specifically looking at how safely the work is being performed rather than doing routine tasks?	
Work Site & General Work Environment	
Are all walking and working surfaces (yards, paths, barns, floors) clear of slips, trips, falls, holes, or clutter?	
Are buildings, silos, manure pits, and storage areas structurally sound and properly ventilated?	
Are there adequate lighting, signage, and barriers around hazards (e.g., open pits, augers, drop-offs)?	
Does the farm layout help prevent traffic conflicts between vehicles, equipment, people, and animals?	
Does the farm layout prevent contact with overhead power lines?	
Are weather-related risks (heat, cold, storms, dust) addressed with policies, breaks, and monitoring?	

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Equipment & Machinery	
Is all equipment properly guarded (shields on PTOs, augers, belts, etc.) and are guards replaced after maintenance?	
Are routine maintenance, inspections, and repairs up to date and documented (tractors, harvesters, balers, etc.)?	
Do operators have the right training, certifications, and experience for each piece of equipment they operate?	
Are lockout/tagout procedures in place and followed before servicing or cleaning equipment?	
Are vehicles and equipment equipped with functional ROPS (Roll-Over Protective Structures), seatbelts, lights, and Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) signs where needed?	
Are older or modified machines still safe, or do they need upgrades/retirement?	
Worker Training, Supervision, & Fitness	
Have all workers (including family, seasonal, and new hires) received thorough safety orientation and task-specific training?	
Do workers know what hazards are, how to recognize hazards, and feel empowered to stop work if something feels unsafe?	
Do workers know their basic rights under Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Legislation?	
Are my supervisors trained, competent, and understand OHS legislation as it applies to them and the people they supervise?	
Are workers physically and mentally fit for their assigned tasks (fatigue, age, language barriers, substance use)? How do I check this?	
Is there good supervision for high-risk tasks, especially for less experienced workers?	
Do I conduct regular safety meetings and do workers actually participate openly?	
Are short safety meetings or toolbox meetings held before work begins, especially before high-risk tasks? Do workers participate openly?	
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Hygiene	
Do I ensure that the PPE being used is the right type for the work being performed (i.e., medical masks or cloths masks are not being used in place of a respirator)?	
Are the people working on my farm trained in how to use the PPE they are expected to wear, including handling it and caring for it properly? Do they understand the limitations of the PPE they are using?	
Is the right PPE available, in good condition, and actually used (hearing protection, respirators, helmets, gloves, eye protection, sturdy footwear)?	
Are there facilities for handwashing, clean drinking water, and hygiene (especially after handling chemicals or animals)?	
Are there policies addressing heat stress, sun exposure, and proper clothing?	

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Hazardous Materials and Biological Risks	
Are veterinary drugs, fuels, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other chemicals stored securely, labeled, and away from ignition sources?	
Do workers have Safety Data Sheets (SDS), access and training on proper handling, mixing, and spill response? Do they know the signs and symptoms of exposure?	
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Do workers have veterinary drug label and product insert access and training on proper handling, mixing, and spill response? Do they know the signs and symptoms of exposure?	
Are manure pits, silos, and grain bins treated as confined spaces with entry permits and rescue plans?	
Emergency Preparedness	
Do all workers know emergency procedures, evacuation routes, and where to meet (muster point)?	
Are first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, AEDs (if applicable), and emergency eyewash stations stocked and accessible?	
Is there a clear plan for emergencies, including contact numbers?	
Does the farm have a plan to transport an injured or ill person to the nearest open emergent care center as per OHS legislation?	
Does the farm have enough certified first aiders on site?	
Are there communication systems that work across the entire farm (especially if cell service can be poor or does not work in certain buildings)?	
Have I practiced for fires, chemical spills, equipment rollovers, or confined space rescues, etc.?	
Animals & Special Operations	
Are animal handling facilities well-designed (chutes, pens, alleys) to reduce stress and injury risk?	
Are animal handling or housing facilities (chutes, pens, alleys) inspected from a human safety standpoint?	
Are workers trained in safe animal handling techniques, especially with bulls, sows with piglets, or horses?	
Compliance & Continuous Improvement	
Am I meeting or exceeding all relevant OHS requirements?	
Do I investigate incidents, near-misses, and injuries—and use them to make real changes?	
Do I track incidents, near-misses, and injuries—and use them to make real changes?	
When was the last professional safety audit or third-party review?	
Do I have a written plan for how I handle temporary workers, contractors, or visitors?	

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Additional Comments:

Print Name	Print Job Title	Signature	Date

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