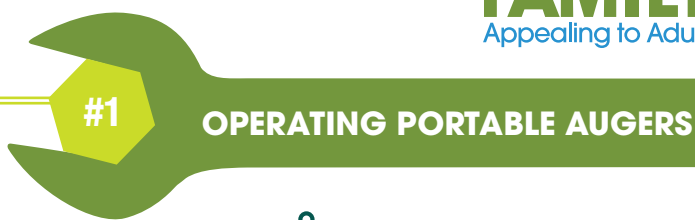


PRODUCER TOOLS

TOOLBOX TALKS

WORK ACTIVITY



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- Portable grain augers are used on our farm as a fast and simple way to move grain. However, using the auger improperly or without the guards can lead to serious injury. Common injuries with augers include amputations, lacerations, broken bones and electrocutions. Taking a few precautions can help prevent these injuries.

BACKGROUND

- The simplicity of augers often lead users to disregard the hazards. The primary danger in using an auger is getting caught in moving parts.

KEY POINTS

WE HAVE INTEGRATED SAFETY STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES FOR USING AUGERS ON OUR FARM. If you don't remember them, review them—you can find them:

PRE-OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO EVERY USE

Make sure all guards and shields are in place and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty. Inspect lift cable (or other lifting system) for proper condition. Make sure you are familiar and comfortable with all machine operations and controls. Let your supervisor know if you need more training.

TRANSPORTATION

Before relocating the auger, ensure the entire area above the auger and in the line of travel is clear of obstructions and overhead power lines. Lower the auger and lock before moving from one location to another.

NOTE: When transporting the auger, properly place the hitch pin and attach the safety chain securely. Travel slowly, reduce speeds on rough surfaces and be cautious while turning.

TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the workers.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible. Ask your workers for their experiences.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

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DURING OPERATION

Keep your body, clothing and hair clear of moving parts. Do not help the grain flow into the auger with your hands or feet. Maintain proper balance and secure footing. Make sure you are operating the auger on level ground clear of debris. Support the auger by anchoring the intake end/or support the discharge end before operating. Ensure the winch is locked before starting the auger. ALWAYS shut down the auger before refueling.

If the auger becomes plugged, do not attempt to clear out the jam until the machine is shut off and all moving parts come to a complete stop and the power source is isolated.

NOTE: If you are using a tractor powered auger, make sure it is connected according to manufacturer's specification and

confirm the PTO and driveline components are in good condition and properly guarded.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

Lower the auger when you're finished using it. Remove any grain or other material from in and around the machine parts. If there are any maintenance issues, please let your supervisor know.

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER SAFETY TIPS FOR WORKING WITH AUGERS?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / CONTACTS

In case of incident or injury, call 911 or your local emergency services, then me or your supervisor.

CAUTION

DO NOT use any portable auger unless you've been instructed in its safe use and operation. Have another trained person nearby who can shut down the auger in case of emergency.

MORE RESOURCES

Please refer to your manual or contact your manufacturer for more details regarding the safety of your machine.

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Operation Name _____
Location _____
Meeting Leader _____
Date _____

TOOLBOX TALK PARTICIPANTS

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