



**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™**  
MS AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY  
EXPERIMENT STATION

# MAFES DAWG TRACKS

September 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> is National Farm Safety and Health Week. There are several free webinars you can participate in <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-farm-safety-and-health-week-tickets-909891188037?aff=oddtcreator>



## Farm Safety Tips :

- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots with slip-resistant soles; no flipflops/Crocs.
- Keep equipment ladders, platforms, and steps clear of mud, manure and other debris.
- Keep tools, drink bottles & other items contained in equipment cabs to obstructions around pedals & a trip hazard when getting out.
- Never ride in the bucket, on forks, or on trailer tongue or drawbar.
- Always wear the seatbelt!
- Wait for equipment to stop completely, take out of gear, & set brake before stepping-down.
- Use handhold & rails when getting on/off equipment; never jump off.
- When around rotating equipment, dress appropriately & avoid any loose clothing or long hair.
- If a piece of equipment becomes clogged or jammed, never attempt to clean out the blockage until the machine is shut off and all moving parts come to a complete stop.
- Wear needed PPE when handling ag chemicals & wash hands afterwards.
- If working under equipment, block wheels. If jacked up, use tools rated to handle the weight, block it up, & don't rely on a loader bucket to hold it up.
- Hydraulic and air lines should be inspected for wear and cracks. Any indication of damage, they should be replaced.
- Ensure all pressure in a hydraulic system is relieved and that the fluid is cool before loosening any fittings or removing lines.
- Clean equipment of debris build-up daily or throughout the day to help prevent a fire.
- Be prepared to respond in an emergency with a fire extinguisher & first aid kit nearby.
- Maintain good housekeeping in shop areas.
- Always keep your slow-moving-emblem (SMV) clean, visible and properly mounted.
- Ensure that all flashers work properly & lenses are clean and not broken.
- Have a truck follow equipment on a public road, with flashers on. Truck & equipment drivers should be in communication with each other.
- On a public road with equipment, pull over at a wide, safe location to let other vehicles pass on by, if the line behind you gets long.
- If working alone, always let somebody know what area you will be in & when to expect your return to shop/home.

For more info contact:

**Leslie Woolington**

MAFES/MSU-ES Risk Mgmt.

[LHW4@msstate.edu](mailto:LHW4@msstate.edu)

662-325-3204

## **Sources:**

<https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com>

<https://www.ruralmutual.com>

<http://nasonline.org/>