



Safer Farms, Safer Farmers

Toolbox Talks

MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Ensure all participants have a copy to refer to and make notes
- Ensure you write the name of your farm, record the date and have all participants sign the master copy (*which should be kept as part of your farm's WH&S records*)
- Ensure your *Toolbox Talk* is done in a location suitable for the topic
- **Engage** with each other, ask questions and give everyday examples.



WE ALL NEED TO REMEMBER

- If you are **unsure of anything** or feel that something you have been asked to do is dangerous, **DO NOT begin the task**. **ASK for assistance** or more information and we will work together to find a safe way to do the job or solve the problem.
- Ensure you are aware of the location of the nearest First Aid Kit.
- Make sure everyone is fit for work, free from signs of fatigue, drugs or alcohol. If in doubt, **ask** or talk to your manager.
- This farm is a workplace, but may also be a place of residence for the owner, their managers and employees. Be **vigilant** for children and bystanders at all times. Refer to [Child Safety on Farms](#)
- **The safety, health and wellbeing of all who live on, work on and visit this farm is the most important responsibility we all share.**

Even if we are busy and under time or financial pressures, **safety MUST come first.**



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A Practical Guide Grain Auger Operation

Grain augers are used primarily to move grain from silos to trucks or feed carts and vice versa. Augers have many hazardous components such as the auger screw, belts, winches and electrical systems – all of which can cause **serious injury** or even **death**.

The most common deaths and injuries occur from electrocutions due to contact with overhead powerlines, amputations, lacerations and crush injuries.



A MUST

Risk Management Tools

[DOWNLOAD ONLINE MATRIX](#)

Use this simple and effective tool to assess and manage the risk of your farming activities prior to commencing. All team members can join in and contribute, developing different ways to manage risks on your farm. Doing a risk assessment helps determine hazards and develop appropriate control measures to lessen the risks.

PRE-OPERATIONAL INSPECTION

- **Review** manufacturer's operating instructions before operation of auger or prior to doing any maintenance.
- **DO NOT** use an auger if you haven't been instructed in how to use it safely.
- **Ensure** appropriate guarding to provide barrier protection from moving parts such as the auger screw, drive shaft, pulleys, belts, chains and sprockets are fitted. Refer to [Guarding Grain Auger Guide](#)
- **Make sure** *emergency stops* are installed close to the flight and operational.
- Protective measures should be installed on electrical and hydraulic augers and winches.
- **Be aware** of warning labels affixed to the auger and what they mean.
- **Ensure** raising and lowering supports such as wire ropes are secured appropriately.
- Regular inspections, repair and maintenance programming applies to grain augers.
- Exclusion zones should be created around electrical assets.
- **Ensure** augers never come in contact with powerlines, especially when moving locations. If possible, a safety observer should be present to act as a spotter to oversee any auger movements.

OPERATION OF THE AUGER

- It is recommended that there is another trained person nearby who is able to assist you in the event of an emergency – if this is not practicable, refer to [Lone and Remote Worker Guide](#).
- Clothing, hair, jewellery, arms, hands, legs or feet can become entangled in moving parts of the auger. **Ensure** clothing isn't loose and that hair is tied back.
- **Ensure** appropriate **personal protective equipment (PPE)** such as masks (dust inhalation) or hearing protection (augers are loud!) are used.



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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In case of emergency, CALL 000 or your local emergency service provider, then call your manager or supervisor.

POLICE

AMBULANCE

FIRE

POISONS 13 11 26
Poisons Information Centre

Some people might have worked on a farm before, but...

- Have they worked on your farm?
- Do they know how you run your business?

OTHER RESOURCES

- Are you aware of your legislative responsibilities? Legislation may differ from state to state and it is your responsibility to be aware of what is required by law.
- Farm Machinery Guarding Guide



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OPERATION OF THE AUGER

- **Never** attempt to unblock the auger or increase or decrease grain flow with your hands or feet. If you need to unblock it – ensure that the auger is completely off, the power is isolated, and all moving parts have stopped.
- **Always** ensure the auger is shut down before beginning any maintenance, including refueling.
- **Ensure** the auger is clear of grain before shutting off the auger.
- **Never** leave augers attached to tractors via the PTO shaft when doing maintenance or unblocking the auger – even if the auger is turned off.
- **Only** operate if all guards are in place.
- **Only** operate on level ground.

POST – OPERATION OF THE AUGER

- **Lower and lock** the auger when moving or when not in use.
- **Keep clear** of powerlines when moving.
- **Ensure** auger barrel is completely empty of grain prior to shutting down and moving auger.

OTHER RISKS OF THE AUGER

- Working at heights – **know the risks** and ensure that safety hazards have been assessed and mitigated and appropriate licensing has been obtained.
- Transportable augers must comply with road transport legislation and **drivers must be aware** of potential changes to the centre of gravity of the auger and movement unpredictability caused by changing ground levels, wind gusts and general instability.
- **Augers can easily tip over.**

Comments / Suggestions

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LOCATION: DATE:

PARTICIPANTS

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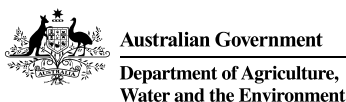
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