

## Dairy Site Safety Inspection

Site/Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Many farms don't know where to start developing their plan and this checklist will help. Once you identify the strong and weak areas you can develop a tailor-made plan that fits your farm.**

**Step 1. Perform a walkaround inspection and rate these safety red flags. This list isn't all-inclusive so feel free to include additional items not on the list.**

### Dairy Facility:

Yes	No	
		Is the parlor & milk house free of slip, trip and fall hazards?
		Are all hoses stored appropriately?
		Are milk house chemicals stored & labeled?
		Do all chemical containers have labels? (including secondary containers)
		Are exits, stairs, and walkways clear of trash & debris?
		Are all exits marked?
		Are open drains covered?
		Are steps in good condition?
		Are all electrical cords & wiring in working order?
		Are electrical boxes designed for wet environments?
		Are chemicals stored in appropriate containers?
		Do all chemical containers have labels?
		Does the crowd gate have an emergency stop?
		Are gates in good repair?
		Are gates and guards in place and in good repair?
		Are there any open pulleys or belts?
		Are necessary guards in place?
		Are SHARP containers available & being utilized?
		Are medicines & vaccines stored appropriately?
		Inventory of medicines & vaccines tracked?
		Are cows being handled in a humane and safe manner?
		Have all employees received animal handling training?
		When handling cattle; is there a safe exit route?

**Postings:**

Yes	No	
		Are required Department of Labor and OSHA posters posted?
		Are said posters current?

**PPE (Personnel Protective Equipment):**

Yes	No	
		Is PPE available to all employees:
		Is the personal protective equipment required for the job being worn and properly used?
		Are the PPE stations being filled?

**Housekeeping:**

Yes	No	
		Are all materials stacked neat and orderly?
		Is trash in its proper receptacle?
		Are all exits free of storage, obstructions?
		Flooring in good condition; free of trip/slip?
		Electrical outlets not overloaded?
		Are the facilities free of any burned outlets?
		Absence of electrical cords strung across facilities?

**Farm Equipment:**

Yes	No	
		Are operators wearing seat belts?
		Are they trained on the equipment?
		Is equipment being operated safely?
		Are front-end loaders, tractors & skid steers inspected daily?
		Are all PTO shafts covered?
		Blocks/safety locks in place before working on machinery or equipment?

### Medical Services and First Aid:

Yes	No	
		Are portable fire extinguishers provided in adequate number and type and mounted in readily accessible areas?
		Are extinguishers recharged and checked monthly?
		Are emergency phone numbers posted?
		Are fully supplied first aid kits accessible to all work areas, inspected and refilled as needed?
		Is there an eye wash station?
		Are any managers trained in First Aid & CPR?
		Are any managers trained in CPR?
		Are MSDS available to employees at all times?
		Is there an Emergency Action Plan for severe weather?
		Is there an Emergency Action Plan to address fire?
		Are flammable materials properly stored?

### Feed Storage Areas:

Yes	No	
		Is the feed area free of safety hazards?
		Scoops, front loaders & equipment operating properly?
		Are equipment guards and shields in place & working?
		Are entrances to silos and feed bins closed or locked to keep non-employees out?
		Are there signs to warn of "No entry" or "Confined Space"?
		Are dust masks or respirators available?
		Are hearing protectors available?
		Do employees keep at least 6' away from the edge of bunker?
		Can power be locked out to prevent automatic equipment from starting?
		Are motors provided ample ventilation?

### Manure Storage:

Yes	No	
		Are confined spaces defined?
		Are authorized personnel identified?
		Are confined space signs posted?
		Are portable heaters in good condition?
		Is the buddy system utilized?
		Are all electrical cords and motors working?

### Safety Plan:

Yes	No	
		Do you have a person who is in charge of the Safety Plan and Program?
		Are you maintaining all safety records and training sheets?
		Do you have an entire Safety Plan created? (OSHA will ask to see this)

**Step 2. Tabulate to determine your overall safety rating.**

### Scoring:

Earn 1 point for every “Yes” checked.

Total Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

How Do you Rank?
<b>44-67 pts. – Excelling! Keep going!</b>
<b>21-43 pts. – Great start – a bit more to go!</b>
<b>0-20 pts. – Time to implement change!</b>

**Step 3. Look for recurring themes in your safety readiness and build a plan that addresses the weak areas.**

**Step 4. Prioritize and tackle the areas that are weakest or could have a large negative impact if an accident should occur. No farm will ever be perfect so understand this is a work in progress. If you get stuck don’t hesitate to ask for help.**

*\*\* (This is not meant to be all-inclusive. Please refer to OSHA for full requirements)*

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