

SAFETY TIPS

Livestock

- Respect all animals; they can hurt you without intending to do so.
- Never try to separate animals that are fighting.
- Animals respond well to routine. Be calm and deliberate.
- Always leave an escape route when working in close quarters. A people gate is essential.
- Take extra care around breeding males and mother animals with young.
- Always make your presence known to animal before touching it.

Machinery

- Read the owner's manuals of your equipment.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Keep safety shields in place at all times.
- Make sure exhaust systems are in good condition and leak free.
- Always have clear rear vision when traveling on roadways.
- Hitch towed loads to the drawbar and never higher.
- Keep a first-aid kit and fire extinguisher on the tractor.
- Never make repairs or adjustments to a working machine.
- Always check for bystanders, especially children, before starting or moving equipment parts.
- Always disengage equipment, shut the tractor off, and lock brakes before dismounting.

Children

- Children should not ride as passengers on any type of agricultural equipment. The rule is one seat, one rider.
- Some areas definitely should be off limits to kids ? grain bins, silos, manure lagoons, pesticide storage areas and even roadways where there is frequent equipment travel.
- Never allow children to play in or ride on grain trucks, wagons or bins. Children can suffocate in grain, and it takes only 34 seconds for a child to be completely submerged in flowing grain.
- Keep all chemicals and poisons in a locked storage area away from where children play.
- Keep small children away from livestock, and make sure older children know how to act around livestock.