

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Worksite Assessment Checklist

### General Safety

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are ladders/stepladders readily available for use?				
Are ladders in good condition? (e.g., no missing rungs)				
Are ladders in use set up on secure, even surfaces, and footed when necessary?				
Are employees wearing PPE?				
Safety glasses/goggles				
Hearing protection				
Respirators				
Gloves (leather, rubber, etc)				
Foot Protection				
Head protection (hard hats, bump caps)				
Other				
Is there a separate area for lunch/eating, away from hazardous substances?				
Are weather conditions considered as part of job site safety? (e.g. trees inspected after storms, drives/ditches marked before snow)				
Are there Heat Stress Procedures in place to prevent heat exhaustion?				

### Vehicles and Machinery (lawn mowers, forklifts, transport vehicles, etc.)

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are there shields and guards on vehicles, machines, and power take-offs (PTOs)?				
Are tractors equipped with rollover protection structures (ROPS)?				
Are hoist-equipped trucks stored with buckets down when not in use?				
Are machines in good condition? (e.g. no defective or worn parts, free of jagged metal or protrusions)				
Are there guards on power saws, grinders, and similar equipment?				
Do tractors have soundproof cabs? *				
Do gasoline-powered lawn mowers, leaf mulchers and snow throwers have good mufflers? *				
Are brakes on vehicles adjusted regularly?				
Are teens prohibited from operating or assisting with work on forklifts? <i>Note: It is prohibited for persons under 18 to drive or ride on forklifts.</i>				

\*Hearing protection may also be required.

## Electrical and Workshop/Tool Safety

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Do tools and equipment appear to be in good condition? (free of burn marks, not bent, etc.)				
Are there enough outlets available? (e.g., One socket = one plug; extension cords for temporary work only)				
Are GFCIs (ground-fault circuit interrupters) used near sinks/water, damp areas, and where modification or excavation work is being performed?				
Are portable tools and equipment unplugged when not in use?				
Are bare light bulbs protected from being hit by objects (e.g. cage around bulbs)				
Are all light sockets fitted with bulbs? (no empty sockets)				
Are metal ladders and scaffolds prohibited in areas with energized parts of equipment, fixtures, circuit conductors, etc.? (includes overhead power lines)				
Are there lockout/tagout procedures in place for electrical work, machinery, and stored energy of any kind?				
Do machines have emergency stops/shut-offs?				

## Fields, Woodlots, Drives, Lanes and Yards

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are drives/lanes kept in good condition? (e.g. free of ruts, bumps, stones; washouts filled so vehicles will not get stuck)				
Are gates wide enough for machinery and vehicles to enter and exit easily?				
Is there sufficient turning area for machinery along ditches and embankments?				
Is equipment kept off of steep slopes and away from trenches?				
Do trenches have protective systems? (e.g. cave-in protection, ladder/ramp access)				
Are areas free of tree branches (low hanging, broken) that could hit equipment?				
Are workers made aware of overhead power lines?				
If underground utilities (e.g. gas/power lines) cross any area are they well marked?				
Have hazardous plants (e.g. poison ivy) been removed?				
Is appropriate clothing required to prevent bug/tick bites, skin irritations from plants?				
Do First Aid Kits include snake bite supplies?				

### Chemical/Pesticide and General Storage

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Can storage areas be opened/unlocked from the inside?				
In indoor storage areas, is fresh air provided?				
Are warning signs posted on entrances to chemical storage areas?				
Are chemicals stored outdoors kept in a secure area?				
Are flammable substances (gasoline, paint, etc.) sealed in fireproof containers?				
Are flammable substances kept away from possible igniting elements or surfaces?				
Are herbicides stored away from insecticides and fungicides?				
Do facilities have a dedicated area for mixing/decanting chemicals?				
Is there a portable eyewash unit available?				
Is there a flammable storage permit?				

### Veterinary Technology and Animal Handling Facilities

	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
Are pens, gates and fences sturdy and in good condition? (e.g., without protrusions)				
Are ventilation fans operative and in good condition?				
Are animal drugs kept in a secure area?				
Are biohazard/sharps containers readily available?				
Are animal restraints available and used?				
Are non-latex gloves available?				
Are animals immunized as required?				
Are staff that work with animals provided with rabies or other relevant immunizations?				
Is disposable clothing, shoe covers, hair nets available? (e.g. cleaning animal cages)				