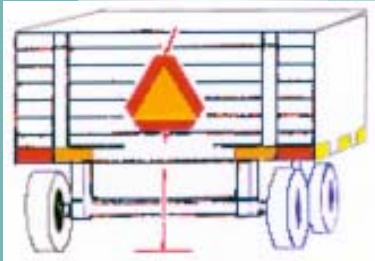


General Silo Filling Safety Tips

Protect Yourself

- Always wear hearing protection
- Always wear safety glasses
- Never enter a silo alone
- Ventilate, ventilate and ventilate more
- Avoid loose or torn clothing



See and Be Seen

- Keep SMV emblems clean and visible
- Add reflective marking strips to forage wagons
- Check all lights on all vehicles

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Confined Space Hazards

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Silage Handling Safety

Silage handling represents a large danger to farmers. The following guidelines will help you in preventing injuries and preserving your health.

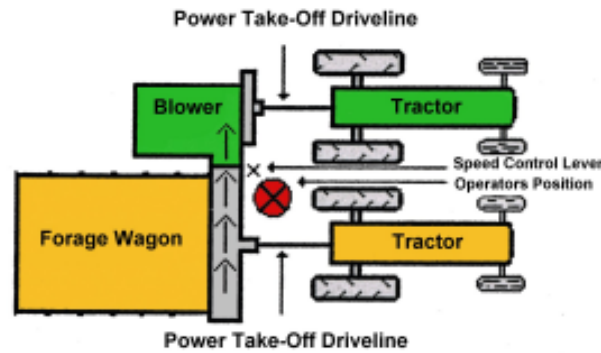
Upright Silo Safety

Recognize the Hazard

- Silo gases
- PTO entanglements
- Mechanical injuries
- Climbing hazards

Beware of Silo gases

- Ventilate silo before and during entering
- Use electrical lock-outs
- Wear a lifeline & have outside help available
- Post a warning around the silo



Beware of Confined Space Hazards

- Keep all shields in place.
- Do not climb over the PTO
- Pre-set the unloading wagon's speed control to avoid getting off the tractor
- Avoid loose or torn clothing
- Install extensions on blower or wagons to increase the walking space between the two tractors
- Lockout power to unloaders during repair and maintenance
- Restrict the area around the silo and blower to only those necessary to perform the work
- Never leave the tractor and blower running unattended
- Replace or repair broken or misplaced shields and guards

Handling Safety Essentials

Climbing Hazards

- Install safety cages on all external ladders
- Wear a safety harness if working on top of the silo
- Keep silo ladders above reach of children
- Wear sturdy non-slip shoes

Ag Storage Bag Safety

- Silo gases can accumulate near bag opening
- Avoid loose or torn clothing
- Inspect the cable frequently
- Observe confined space hazards similar to upright silos
- Shut off bagger before unlogging

Keep Children Away From the Area

