

Agriculture and Forestry Safety

1. GENERAL

Agriculture and forestry programs involve diverse activities associated with research, production, extension education, and agency services. The Texas A&M University System employees involved in agriculture and forestry programs are exposed to a wide range of work environments and potential hazards. Examples of activities which involve potential hazards include the operation and transport of mechanized equipment, application of pesticides and chemicals, fire suppression, and work in remote areas under adverse conditions.

2. REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Each component conducting or participating in agricultural or forestry operations should
 - 2.1.1 Identify, document, and analyze workplace hazards associated with its operations
 - 2.1.2 Develop and publish standard operating procedures to reduce risk to employees, cooperators, and visitors for identified hazards
 - 2.1.3 Provide and document training to employees, cooperators, and visitors in safe operating procedures for identified hazards
- 2.2 Each component shall, as appropriate, develop procedures to safely conduct agricultural or forestry operations in the following areas:
 - 2.2.1 Application and use of pesticides and agricultural chemicals in accordance with 4 TAC Chapter 7 and 40 CFR Parts 156 and 170.
 - 2.2.2 Mechanized equipment safety
 - 2.2.3 Forestry practices safety
 - 2.2.4 Prescription burning safety in accordance with 30 TAC 111.201-221
 - 2.2.5 Heat stress mitigation
 - 2.2.6 Hearing conservation

- 2.2.7 Field sanitation
- 2.2.8 Lock-out/tag-out
- 2.2.9 Confined space

Contact for Interpretation

Office of Risk Management and Safety

History

New standard

Recommendation

Chair, Risk Management and Safety Council

Legal Sufficiency

General Counsel

Approval

Director of Office of Risk Management and Safety