

Self-Inspection Farm Fire Safety

This checklist will help you prevent fire on your farm and help keep fire under control. Mark each question with “yes” or “no”. Questions that receive “no” answers indicate potential danger spots that need prompt attention—and correction. Inspect your farm yourself today!

Lightning

	Yes	No
Have lightning protection systems of a type carrying the Master Label of Underwriters’ Laboratories, Inc. been installed on your property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have lightning rod installations been checked and found to be in good condition within the past year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are lightning rod systems grounded in moist earth properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are wire fences attached to buildings properly grounded at fence post nearest building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are grounding cables protected from livestock rubbing against them, particularly at corners of buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do radio and television antennas have labeled lightning arresters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Complete this checklist to determine how you can help prevent fire on your farm and help keep fire under control.

Electricity

	Yes	No
Has wiring been checked by a qualified electrician since installation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When new machinery was added to the electrical load, was wiring inspected and any necessary new wiring installed by a qualified electrician?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is electricity delivered to a centrally-located switch box and distributed from there to buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you inspect your fuse boxes regularly to see that fuses of proper capacities are being used?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are exposed light bulbs in barns and other buildings protected by glass globes or metal guards to prevent damage by animals, human carelessness or to keep them from setting fire to hay, straw or dust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you removed all extension cords hung over hooks, nails, beams, doorways or sills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Flammable Liquids

	Yes	No
Are motor fuels stored outdoors and away from all combustible materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you use approved safety cans for any necessary handling and transportation of small quantities of gasoline?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are greases, oils and flammable liquids stored in an oil house located away from other buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Heating Equipment

	Yes	No
Have your stoves, heating boilers and furnaces been kept in good condition and cleaned within the past year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all flue connections to chimneys been cleaned and inspected within the past year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all chimneys been examined for cracks lately, especially in the attic and above the roof line?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a wood shingle roof, does every chimney have a spark arrester?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are furnaces and wood-burning stoves at least 18 inches from combustible walls, beams or other woodwork, unless proper protection is provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Heating Equipment

Yes No

Does your heating system provide adequate heat without “forcing” or overstoking in very cold weather? (Note: If “forcing” is necessary, you may need better building insulation or more adequate equipment to provide sufficient heat for your house.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all chimneys, flue connections or gas vents that pass through combustible partitions in your house or other buildings properly protected to prevent the partitions from charring or igniting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you prohibit the use of kerosene for starting or quickening a fire in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your fireplace equipped with a metal screen in front of it to prevent sparks from flying onto the carpet or furniture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Portable Heaters

Yes No

Are your portable heaters of a type which has been examined and listed by Underwriters’ Laboratories, Inc. or certified by the American Gas Association Laboratories?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your portable heater always placed on a level floor in order to ensure proper operation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always refill or replace its fuel tank outdoors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you use a wick-type portable heater, do you trim the wick and clean the burner regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you regulate the flame on your portable heater to keep it from smoking or burning too high?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you examine the heater occasionally for leaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you careful to set your heater where it will not come in contact with combustible material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always turn your portable heater out upon retiring at night or when moving it from one part of the house to another?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outside the Home

Yes No

Are your LP gas (bottled gas) tanks installed outside the house, away from windows and other openings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep grass and weeds cut short around your home, barn and other buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all buildings on your farm accessible to fire trucks at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have low cables for dragging farm machinery and equipment from burning sheds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Barn

Yes No

Are light fixtures, fuse boxes and switches kept free of dirt, dust and chaff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the hay lofts and mows well-ventilated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you prohibit the stacking of trash and manure against the barn?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you take care not to store damp hay in the barn?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is smoking in the barn prohibited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the storage of tractors and other liquid fuel-operated equipment in hay or cattle barns prohibited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fire Protection

Yes No

Have you made arrangements with the nearest fire department to assure response to your farm at time of fire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the telephone number of the nearest fire department posted prominently, along with your fire code number or other identifying location information, near the phone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Fire Protection

	Yes	No
Does the fire department have a map of your farm with streams, ponds and fire cisterns clearly marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have at least 3,000 gallons of emergency water supply on your farm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your emergency water supply accessible to fire trucks or portable pumps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have labeled fire extinguishers placed conveniently near any locations of special fire hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have labeled fire extinguishers in motor vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have fire extinguishers been inspected and recharged within the past year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do employees and members of your family know how to use your fire extinguishers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have enough garden hose with convenient outlets and an adequate supply of buckets for carrying water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have ladders long enough to reach the roof for rescuing members of your family from your home in case of fire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have your family and employees been instructed and drilled on locating proper exits from the house and from buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you set up a definite plan of action for a fire emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Equipment

	Yes	No
Do hay and corn driers have automatic controls to shut off fans and close dampers in case of overheating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all of the following have Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. (UL) labels or where applicable, are gas appliances certified by the American Gas Association Laboratories?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brooders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric cooking appliances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric fences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric irons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric refrigerators and deep freezers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric heaters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric motors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric stoves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire extinguishers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gasoline dispensing pumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incubators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stoves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Liquefied petroleum gas equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil burners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portable heaters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roof covering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Television sets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all electric equipment installations been inspected by a competent electrician?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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