Grain Safety Resources

- **Farm Safety Check: Grain Handling Safety** - the checklist highlights common hazards on a farm. There are also links to a number of training and educational resources.
- For FFA and/or ag educators, UMASH has aggregated links for a variety of existing lesson plans, curriculum and resources on a number of topics, including *Grain Bin Safety*. Use this [link](#) to the topics page to find those resources.
- For rural firefighters, UMASH resources - [Rural Firefighters Delivering Agricultural Safety and Health (RF-DASH)](#) project.
- [Grain Bin Tube](#) resources for Fire Departments
- Consider mapping your farm for an emergency – [Marshfield Clinic Resource](#).
- [Grain Bin Entry Safety](#)
- [Grain Bin Safety Resources](#)
- [Respiratory Health](#) information

### Video Resources

- [Safety and Grain Quality Management](#) video.
- Be aware using grain sweep - [GoPro Time Lapse of grain sweep](#)
- [Grain Bin Entry Safety](#)
- National Feed and Grain Association [safety videos](#)
- Minnesota Feed and Grain Association [resources](#)
- [Rescue training programs](#) for local fire and rescue – National Education Center for Agricultural Safety
- [Respiratory Safety](#) training – Ag Health & Safety Alliance

### Minnesota Farm Bureau comments on Grain Safety

During the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Board of Directors March meeting, significant discussion occurred on grain quality concerns in Minnesota and related farm safety measures.

“It’s always hard to store higher moisture grain. Combine this with low-test weight, and we are having a perfect storm of grain quality issues in our bins. Our state board of directors want farmers to know never to go in the bin alone especially when we are having quality concerns,” said Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) President Kevin Paap. “Farmers need to be aware of grain clumping and clogging and do not take chances.”

“During a grain bin safety incident, it’s important to turn off the power so the equipment stops running, but we can’t shut off all the power. We really want those fans on. It’s very important to turn the aeration fan on, get air up to the person submerged in the grain,” said MFBF Vice President Dan Glessing. “If you are caught in this situation, remember to cover your mouth and nose with your hands to keep your airway open to help your chances of survival.”

“The MFBF Board of Directors encourages farmers to take proper safety precautions working with grain to include using proper respiratory equipment especially with the increased chances of mold with this year’s grain quality,” said Fran Miron - MFBF District V board representative.

“We encourage our county Farm Bureaus to reach out to their county Farm Bureau members and to their local fire and rescue. Work with them to ensure they have adequate understanding of potential issues relating to grain quality to ensure people are aware and prepared,” said Nathan Collins – MFBF District IV board representative.

“Farm Bureau encourages all families to review farm safety on a regular basis. Taking time to show safety videos and review safety measures with our families is a priority,” said Rachel Connell – MFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers chair. “Most importantly, farmers need to remember that your family and friends want you home safe at the end of the day,” said Peter Bakken - MFBF Promotion and Education Chair. For more information go to fbmn.org/safety.