

Montgomery County farm Bureau Young Leader December Challenge: Give Falls the Slip

Although the injuries may not be as traumatic as farm machinery entanglements, slips and falls are the leading cause of injury among farmers. According to the National Safety Council, about 150,000 farm workers suffer disabling injuries every year – most caused by slips and falls in the workplace.

“The causes of these injuries are varied,” says Kris Reynolds, Montgomery County Farm Bureau Young Leader Chairman. “Wet and slippery surfaces in livestock barns and facilities are a major contributor. Mud encrusted or ice-covered machinery platforms and steps take their toll. And falls from elevations such as silos and grain bins, or into a pit or lagoon, affect countless farm workers each year.”

Many injuries seriously (or permanently) limit a farmer’s ability to do his or her job. That’s why the Young Leader Committee challenges farmers to actively take steps to reduce spills this spring:

1. Keep work surfaces dry and use slip proof treads where moisture is present.
2. Wear footwear with slip-resistant soles.
3. Keep it clean. Make sure shops and equipment platforms are clear of clutter.
4. Slow down and make an effort to be careful.

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