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# *Livingston County News*

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON GRAIN SAFETY**

Each year county office staffs in Crittenden and Livingston participate in the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp by teaching grain safety to the area children.

We explain the hazards of grain bins, grain piles, auger wagons, and augers. We demonstrate how quickly you can become entrapped in flowing grain while unloading a wagon, a grain bin or playing on a grain pile.

Because children are curious by nature they are most vulnerable to many of these hazards.

The USDA-FSA also works with Farm Safety 4 Just Kids to increase farm safety education, information programs, train, and promotion of age-appropriate guidelines for children and their families.

For more information on the Progressive Farm Safety Day contact your local Conservation District or your local FSA Office.

For more information on Farm Safety 4 Just Kids contact you local FSA office or <http://www.fs4jk.org/>

## **TAKE THE GRAIN SAFETY QUIZ**

- 1 If you are pulled into flowing grain, you can become completely helpless in:
  - (a) less than 6 seconds.
  - (b) about 60 seconds.
  - (c) more that 60 seconds.
- 2 You can suffocate in grain because:
  - (a) grain fills your nose, mouth, air passages, and lungs.
  - (b) the pressure of the grain on your body won't allow your lungs to draw air.
  - (c) there's not enough air around you to breath.
  - (d) all of the above.
- 3 Trying to pull out a person buried in grain is like trying to lift:
  - (a) two of that person.
  - (b) two 55-gallon drums of water.
  - (c) a small car.
- 4 Going inside a grain bin is dangerous because :
  - (a) you can die if you're pulled into the flow of grain as it is unloaded.
  - (b) you can die if you fall through crusted grain into an unseen pocket of space and grain then covers you.
  - (c) you can die if a wall of caked grain breaks loose and covers you.
  - (d) you can develop permanent respiratory problems from breathing moldy grain dust.
  - (e) all of the above

# **HARVEST TIME**

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5 As long as you have a lifeline installed in a grain bin, it's OK to walk on the grain.

- (a) True
- (b) False

6 As long as an adult is present, it's OK for a child to ride on or play in a gravity flow wagon.

- (a) True
- (b) False

7 If you're with someone who is buried in grain up to their chest, you should NOT:

- (a) turn off loading and unloading equipment.
- (b) ventilate the bin with the drying fan (without activating the heat source.)
- (c) have everyone present pull on the person to try to free them
- (d) leave them to call 911

ANSWERS:

1 (a) 2 (d) 3 (c) 4 (e) 5 (b) 6 (b) 7 (c)

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## TAKE TIME FOR GRAIN SAFETY

All of us at the county office wish you a safe and bountiful harvest.

### GRAIN SAFETY TIPS

- Instruct family members, especially children, to never ride on, play around or enter grain handling equipment.
- Never enter or allow someone else to enter a grain wagon, truck or bin while it is unloading. If it is necessary to enter a wagon or bin, always shut off the unloading equipment before entering.
- Before unloading grain, check everybody's whereabouts. Always use the buddy system.
- Remind yourself and warn others of life-threatening entrapment and suffocation by placing a danger decal where applicable. Put decals in prominent place on gravity flow wagons, bins and trucks.
- Use personal protective equipment such as dust masks.
- Never enter a grain storage bin where grain may have formed a crust.
- Prevent children from climbing into grain holding facilities by blocking access to external ladders. Lock the top entry of grain bins
- Make sure all augers are properly shielded.

