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| Related Documents: | * Refer to tractor operation and Tractor Implement Hitching SWP and the SWP of the implement being used * Owner’s Manual for the specific Auger being used * Part 6 of the OHS General Regulations – Lock-Out * Part 8 of the OHS General Regulations – Mechanical Safety * Safe Grain & Silage Handling by NIOSH (DHHS (NIOSH) Publication Number 95-109.) | |
| When to use this WWP: | This safe work practice is designed to be used when using, servicing, and transporting augers. While certain pieces of equipment may require some specific practices, this should be used as a general guideline only. | |
| Hazards & Risks: | * Entanglement * Amputation * Lacerations * Electrical Shock | |
| Personal Protective Equipment: | CSA Approved   * Steel-toe footwear * Hearing protection * High Visibility Clothing * Close fitting clothing * Contain long hair and loose beards * Safety Glasses | |
| Training Requirements: | * In-house training on implement hitching * Class 8 or higher Driver’s License, if operating tractor | |
| Communication Process: | When working with another person communicate the work plan and conduct a hazard assessment to ensure all hazards controls are in place considering the hierarchy of controls. | |
| Equipment & Supplies: | * Cell phone or 2-way radio * Level 2 or 3 First Aid Kit * Class ABC Fire Extinguisher * Hazard Markers | |
| Practice:  **Grain/Silage/Sweep/Portable Augers**   1. Read and follow the operator’s manual for the auger and equipment used in conjunction with the auger such as a tractor and implement. 2. Ensure the implement and tractor are appropriately matched. An implement that is too large for the tractor could cause a serious incident. 3. Check the area for hazards and implement controls. 4. Create a safe work area around the active auger. 5. Perform a pre-operational check of both the implement and the tractor, as per manufacturer’s specifications prior to hitching equipment as well as for the auger. 6. Ensure all proper safeguards and safety devices are in place and in working condition. 7. Avoid contact with the auger. Walk around not over top of the equipment. 8. Ensure all equipment is turned off, de-energized before cleaning or conducting maintenance or service on the auger. 9. Follow the Lock out procedure to ensure equipment is deenergized correctly. 10. Keep the work area at and near the auger clean of soil, silage and grain to avoid slipping or falling towards the auger. 11. Do not climb, step on, or use the auger as a ladder. 12. Ensure augers are lowered to their transport position to avoid contact with powerlines when moving the auger from one location to the next. 13. When raising and lowering the auger, check for overhead powerlines and any other objects overhead that the auger could come in contact with during the process. 14. When transporting an auger, plan the path to travelled by walking or driving the path without the equipment first to identify any unforeseen hazards. 15. Keep a minimum of a least 3 meters or 10 feet of clearance from the highest point of the auger and any overhead hazard especially powerlines. 16. Keep the auger in the lowest possible travel position to avoid tipping or having an unbalanced load. 17. Train workers on what to do if there is contact to high voltage powerlines. Practice the plan to ensure competency. 18. Use a spotter when moving the auger under overhead powerlines or other overhead hazards. Ensure communication between the driver and spotter is uninterrupted. 19. If the auger has wheels, chock wheels once parked or in position for use. 20. Keep away and avoid entering areas where there are open ends of the auger. Block/guard these areas when possible.   Post Hole Auger   1. Keep the area of the auger clear when the implement is operating either in or out of the ground. 2. When pounder is used, only use a “V” stick to straighten a post, never your hands. 3. Never replace the shear bolt OR auger retaining bolt with any length other than what is specified in this manual. A longer, or protruding fastener is more likely to grab loose clothing or gloves which can result in serious injury or death. 4. Do not operate digger on steep hillsides. When digging on uneven or hilly terrain, position the tractor with the Post Hole Digger uphill. 5. Never position the auger point by hand or with any tool when the tractor is running. 6. Never position the auger point by putting your hands on the auger, gearbox, boom, or driveline. 7. To prevent rapid wear of U-Joints and possible failure of drivelines, never lift auger point more than 12" off the ground with PTO operating. 8. To prevent possible instantaneous driveline failure, never move digger from hole-to-hole or transport while auger is rotating. 9. Do not shovel dirt away from a rotating auger as the shovel can be caught and thrown by the auger. | | |
| Emergency Procedures: | | In case of emergency, contact 911 and your supervisor immediately. Remove yourself from harm’s way and ensure no one else is at risk. |