

Unit Sixteen Appendix

Safety Inspection Checklist

The following form is used by some insurance companies to identify potential hazards on farms. Review each item to identify potential hazards on your farm.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	YES	NO
1. Each building's Service Entrance Equipment is located in dry, dust-free location.		
2. Service Entrance Equipment is mounted on fire resistive material.		
3. Service Entrance Equipment is free of rust and other signs of deterioration.		
4. Electrical fixtures are properly covered so they do not fill with cobwebs, dirt, chaff.		
5. Circuits are properly fused with correct size fuses.		
6. All wiring is in good condition with no signs of fraying or deterioration.		
7. All lighting fixtures are properly protected.		
HEATING UNITS	YES	NO
1. Are heating units designed for use in barns and stables?		
2. Are heating units properly insulated from combustible material?		
3. Are heating units serviced at least annually by a competent heating contractor?		
4. Is the use of portable heating units prohibited?		
ABOVE-GROUND FUEL STORAGE	YES	NO
1. Are tanks located at least 40 feet from any building?		
2. Are tanks properly grounded?		
3. Is a 5-pound or larger class ABC Fire Extinguisher conveniently located near tank?		
4. Is tank properly protected from collision by vehicular traffic?		

GENERAL	YES	NO
1. Are areas surrounding buildings free of high weeds, grass, and debris?		
2. Is hay properly dried and cured prior to inside storage?		
3. Are all roofs, walls, windows, and doors weather-tight on hay storage buildings?		
4. Are fire extinguishers:		
- Located in each building?		
- At least 5-pound ABC or better?		
- Conspicuously hung within 50 feet of any point in the building?		
- Inspected and tagged annually?		
5. Are lightning rods properly installed and grounded with conductor cable showing no signs of corrosion?		
6. Is there a responding fire department within 5 miles of farm?		
7. Is the telephone number of fire department conveniently located near telephone?		
8. Are NO SMOKING signs posted and enforced?		
9. Are horses valued over \$100,000 stabled in several buildings to avoid catastrophic fire loss in one building?		
MANAGEMENT PASTURES AND PADDOCK AREAS	YES	NO
For each pasture and paddock, answer the following:		
1. Are there post and rail type fencing, are rails secured to inside of post?		
2. Are pastures / paddocks free of harmful objects?		
3. Are isolated groups of trees fenced off or protected by lightning rods?		
4. Are pastures rotated to break the life cycle of parasites?		
5. Are shelters provided in pastures / paddocks?		
6. If yes, are roofs free span?		

STABLE AREAS	YES	NO
1. Are stable aisles well lit and at least 12 feet wide?		
2. Are stable aisles and walls free of objects that might harm horses?		
3. Are all stalls designed to prevent contact with neighboring horses?		
4. Are all stall doors equipped with "horse proof latches" to prevent escape?		
5. Are all electrical fixtures / wiring inaccessible to horses or properly protected?		
6. Are stalls cleaned and rebedded daily?		
7. Is all grain and feed kept in covered containers / bins?		

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Appendix A