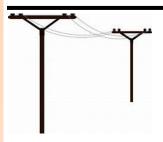


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### ALONG THESE LINES . . .



#### ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HARVEST SEASON

Harvest season is a great time of the year when a farmer sees the achievement made from all of the hard work done in the summer to prepare for the gathering of the crops in the fall. But when a person is not focused on his/her surroundings, accidents can happen. Here are a few tips to remind you, our member, to be aware of during this year's harvest season while working near electricity. Be alert and stay safe!!

- **Maintain a safe distance:** Keep a minimum of 10 feet of clearance between any equipment and power lines. This includes all directions—up, down, and sideways.
- **Use a spotter:** When operating large machinery, especially around power lines, have a spotter to guide you and ensure you maintain the necessary clearance.
- Inspect equipment and cords: Regularly check power cords, extension cords, and electrical tools for any signs of wear and tear, such as frayed wires or damaged insulation.
- **Be aware of overhead power lines:** Be mindful of power lines when raising dump truck beds or operating equipment with high clearance.
- Never touch a down power line: If your equipment contacts a power line, stay inside the vehicle and call 911 immediately.
- If there is a fire: If there is a fire and you must exit the vehicle, jump out with both feet together, without touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time, then hop or shuffle away.
- **Qualified professionals:** Ensure that qualified electricians handle any work on drying equipment or other farm electrical systems.
- **Know your shut-off:** Know where and how to shut off the power in an emergency.

"Neighbors helping neighbors. That's the electric cooperative tradition." ... Glenn English, CEO, NRECA



# **2025 NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH**

From farmer co-ops to worker co-ops, credit unions to mutual insurance, and housing co-ops to energy co-ops, co-operative businesses thrive across the U.S. economy, where one in three people are co-op members. Around the world, around 1 billion people are members of about 3 million co-operatives, and 10% of the world's population, or around 280 million people, are employed by co-ops. And because they are member-owned, co-operatives are rooted in their communities and governed by the people who use them to meet their needs.

Source: Internet

#### A SALUTE TO OUR CO-OP MEMBERS-

MEMBERS are the most important people in our business.

MEMBERS are not an interruption to our

work; they are the purpose of it. MEMBERS are not dependent on us; we are

dependent on them.

MEMBERS do us a favor when they come in.

We aren't doing them a favor

by waiting on them.

MEMBERS are a part of our business,

not outsiders.

MEMBERS are not just money in the cash

register. They are human beings with feelings and deserve to be

treated with respect.

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For more information call MYEC or talk to your school guidance counselor. Essays are due by December 2, 2025.

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