

Basic Fire Prevention Preparation

To minimize the risk of possible fire hazards in your operations and residence:

- Remove or isolate highly flammable and combustible materials and accelerants
- Train and conduct fire drills for employees and family members
- Develop a plan to evacuate livestock, or maintain an area where livestock can be moved, such as a plowed or heavily-grazed field or pasture with water and shade
- Work with your fire department to make sure an adequate water supply is available and that obstructions are removed from aisles, walkways, driveways and doors
- Provide a list of stored hazardous materials to your fire department, and update regularly
- Stress the importance of everyday maintenance and housekeeping
- Post signs and enforce “no smoking” bans in barns and around machinery and combustible and flammable materials
- Install, inspect and maintain appropriate smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and sprinklers in residences and farm buildings, on combines and tractors, and around mechanized equipment