

Can you hear me now? Hearing loss is permanent and irreversible. October is National Protect Your Hearing Month, and it's also a time of year farmers are working around combines, dryers, augers, and other equipment with high noise levels that harm hearing without proper protection. Prevent hearing loss before it is too late.

Potential Hazard	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Do all workers receive animal handling safety training?			
Are the handlers calm and in command? Livestock need a good leader. Animals want to know what we want, and they want to see what is pressuring them to move.			
Are livestock able to follow other animals ahead of them when being worked or moved?			
Are handlers in a rush? A rushed cow will have her head up and not watch where she is walking. This could lead to slipping and tripping.			
Is the floor leveled with enough traction? Cattle will balk at changes in color, texture, or depth.			
Do handlers avoid yelling, clapping, and other loud noises? Cows have better hearing than humans which makes them more sensitive to sounds in their environment.			
Are you moving cattle from the side and not directly behind (blind spot)? They won't respond to your commands or arm signals from there.			
Do handlers understand how to apply the zig-zag technique when moving a group of animals?			

Name of person completing safety check: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_