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ASABE REVISES FARMSTEAD EQUIPMENT SAFETY STANDARD

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has revised its standard on farm-equipment safety.

ANSI/ASAE S354.6, Safety for Farmstead Equipment, includes specifications that are not covered by other ASABE safety standards and that are intended to provide a reasonable degree of personal safety during normal operation and servicing of farmstead equipment. The document was revised to include updates to the normative references.

The standard applies to agricultural field equipment used in agricultural operations for the production of food and fiber (examples include livestock feeding systems, livestock watering and waste handling systems, crop dryers, milling systems, material handling equipment, etc.). It does not apply to agricultural field equipment nor to self-propelled mobile equipment such as motor vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and skid-steer loaders. In addition, it does not apply to farmstead equipment covered by other ASABE safety standards unless it is specifically referenced by these standards.

ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text via electronic download on the ASABE online Technical Library at elibrary.asabe.org/. Others can obtain a copy for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at <u>OrderStandard@asabe.org</u>.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 250 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at 269-932-7031,

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