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ASABE TO DEVELOP STANDARD FOR PINTLE HITCHING SYSTEMS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has initiated a standard project for a pintle hitching system.

Current hitching systems (drawbar, ball hitch, etc.) are not always suitable for towing implements and bulk carrier equipment. As the lead implement is raised and lowered during field work, the mechanical connection to the towed implement is also being raised and lowered. In some situations, this may cause the drawbar connection to exceed design limits. Additional connection flexibility can be achieved by the use of pintle hooks and tow rings. The proposed ASABE standard specifies the requirements for pintle hitch components.

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