## **GRAIN STORE PREPARATION**

# Reduce the risk of operational problems during the harvest by following our trade tips and tricks.

Looking after your operating facility and its surroundings is always worth the time and effort as unexpected breakdowns, loss of production or fires caused by faulty mechanical and electrical equipment or associated environmental issues can normally be avoided.

#### MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL

Servicing and maintaining your operating machinery within the grain store goes a long way to ensuring a trouble free harvest and by following a series of equipment checks reduces the risk of operational breakdown and inefficiencies.

## CHECK LIST:

 $\Box$  Are all machine tensions correct?

- $\Box$  Are all gearboxes filled with oil?
- $\Box$  Grease bearings where necessary?
- $\Box$  Are all elevator belts tensioned?
- $\Box$  Are all duct work blockages cleared?
- $\Box$  Is any damaged steelwork repaired?
- □ Are your drier furnace tubes clear?
- □ Have your fuel filters been changed?
- $\Box$  Are all cables checked for damage?
- $\Box$  Is the control panel clean & dry?
- $\Box$  Do all control buttons work?
- □ Do your emergency stops work?

### SAFETY AT WORK

Accidents at work can easily occur and with some simple checks on safety awareness the risk of an occurrence can be reduced or indeed eliminated.

- $\Box$  Are all machine guards fitted?
- $\Box$  Are all ladders located & secure?
- $\Box$  Are your platforms protective?
- $\Box$  Are warning signs clean & clear?
- $\Box$  Are holes and trenches covered?
- □ Are operators trained & qualified?

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#### **OPERATING ARENA**

Keeping your grain store as clean as possible with some focused housekeeping significantly reduces the potential problems associated with a dusty/ cluttered or dirty operating environment.

- □ Is the area clean of dust & rubbish?
- □ Is the area rodent protected?
- □ Are all ducting & spillage leaks fixed?
- Are there any personnel trip hazards?Are fuel tanks leakage free/maintained?





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