

*May your harvest season be both safe and prosperous,*  
**FRANKLIN REC**



# **HARVEST SAFETY TIPS**

**INSPECT EQUIPMENT** Prior to embarking on your journey to the initial field of the season, ensure your equipment is prepared for the harvest season. Review your diagnostic system and conduct a safety assessment of tires, nuts & bolts, mirrors and lights. Also, remember to attach slow-moving signs before transporting the equipment along the road.

**HEALTHY HARVEST** To endure the extended hours of harvest, stay hydrated and well rested. Taking frequent stretch breaks will alleviate fatigue and enhance concentration. Be aware of your mental health. Likewise, don't hesitate to check on your fellow farmer.

**HAVE A PLAN** It's essential for farmers, farm hands, and contracted workers to maintain open communication regarding the locations of first aid kits, fire extinguishers, safety procedures, and current mapping routes in case of an emergency situation.

**LOOK UP AND LIVE** Keep a distance of at least 10 feet from power lines and utility poles at all times. Before transporting machinery to your fields, assess the height of your equipment in relation to power line clearance. If there are any uncertainties about clearance, don't hesitate to contact Franklin REC for an inspection.

**If you should come in contact with power lines, IMMEDIATELY call Franklin REC at (641) 456-2557.**