

# HARVEST SAFETY

## PREPARE AHEAD

- Train anyone working on your farm, including seasonal workers and family members, on potential electrical hazards.
- Know the location of guy wires – while not energized, if hit or damaged these wires could bring down power lines.
- Look up and around for electric lines and ensure equipment will stay a minimum of 10 feet away – inspect farm equipment heights now for clearance.
- Be aware of the location of power poles and lines, including field entry and exit points, and plan safe equipment routes.
- If you see a sagging or low power line, contact us. Never attempt to move a line or raise it for clearance.

## DURING HARVEST

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near lines, set extensions to lowest setting before moving, and use care when extending augers or raising truck beds.
- If the machinery you are operating makes contact with a power line, stay on the equipment. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.
- If you need to exit the vehicle after contact is made, jump off with your feet together, and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.