

SAFETY Today, SUCCESS Tomorrow!

The agricultural sector is still one of the most dangerous occupations in America according to data from the 2024 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In that year, there were 475 fatalities, which is the equivalent of 20.9 deaths per 100,000 full-time workers. Fall harvest is one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the Ag industry.

For this reason, the third week of September is recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. The theme for 2026 is “**SAFETY TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW!**” This theme reminds us that it is in everyone’s best interest to prioritize the health and safety of those who work so hard to provide our abundant supply of food, fiber, and fuel.

This annual promotion, initiated by the National Safety Council, has been reconfirmed by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944.

The use of large equipment and farm implements can put farmers and their equipment dangerously close to power lines. We understand the communities we serve and know that harvest is a busy season that affects our members in many ways.



Farmers, their families, and employees should keep the following tips in mind to help keep everyone safe:

- 🚜 **Do not** assume everyone is aware of where the power lines are located. Review where they are, and remind each other to “look up and live!”
- 🚜 **Use** a spotter when moving tall equipment in close proximity to power lines.
- 🚜 **Keep** all objects at least 10 feet away from overhead lines.
- 🚜 **Do not** attempt to move a power line out of the way.
- 🚜 **Have** emergency phone numbers, including Shelby Electric Cooperative’s (217-774-3986), in all farm vehicles and machinery.
- 🚜 **If a power line** is sagging or low, call the cooperative right away.
- 🚜 **If your farm machinery hits a power line**, stay in the cab only if it is safe to do so, call the cooperative, then 911 and wait for help. If in immediate danger, do not climb out as usual — jump with your feet together so no part of your body touches the equipment and ground at the same time, and move away from machinery by hopping or shuffling until at least 40 feet away. Do not approach the equipment again until emergency personnel confirm it is safe to do so.

All motorists can help ensure a safe harvest season by anticipating slow-moving equipment on roadways and planning for travel delays, especially on rural roads.

As we recognize National Farm Safety and Health Week this September, please join us in spreading awareness of the risks associated with agricultural work and promoting safe and healthy practices through this harvest season and beyond.



As easy as one, two, three ...



1-Open Meter Housing



2-Remove Old Meter



3-Install New Meter

Out with the old, and in with the new!

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) is upgrading its infrastructure with advanced smart meters to build a more reliable power grid. Many of our current meters have been in service since 2005. This system-wide upgrade will serve SEC's network well into the future, with full deployment expected by the end of **July 2027**.

These new smart meters enable continuous, two-way communication

between your home and the cooperative. This gives the SEC team unprecedented grid visibility, drastically improving operational efficiency, and service reliability.

The transition to a new, smarter meter is simple; a cooperative line-men will handle the quick installation, causing only a brief power interruption. Just remember, you will need to reset your digital clocks afterward!

Once installed, these meters unlock powerful benefits for everyone:

-  **Two-way communication** giving SEC instant visibility into the grid.
-  **Automatic outage mapping** for faster power restoration.
-  **Proactive monitoring** to catch voltage blinks early.
-  **Real-time usage data** to help members manage their daily consumption.

Please note, SEC will not call or message you to request your meter information during this upgrade process.
Questions? Call 217-774-3986.

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PEACE OF MIND WITH AUTO-PAY

Auto-pay allows you to pay your electric bill through your bank account or charge it to your debit/credit card automatically on the due date each month with no fees. This eliminates the need for manual payments, which can help you avoid late fees or missed payments. Follow the easy steps below or call the cooperative at 217-774-3986, and we will help you set it up.

Step 1:

Download the SmartHub app



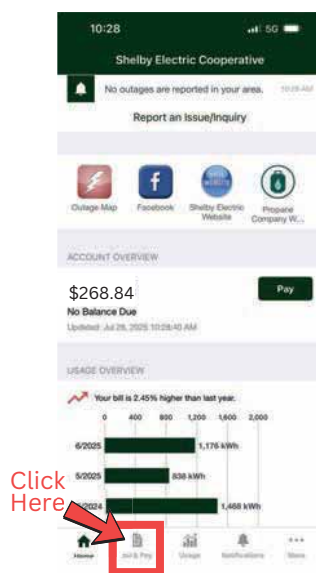
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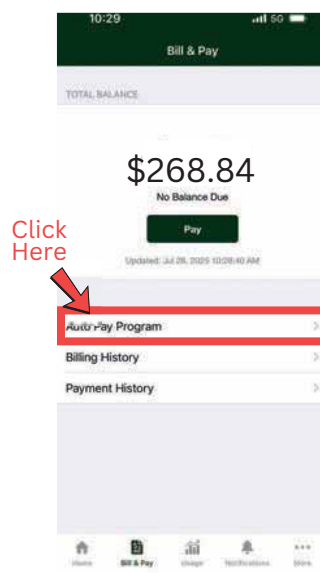
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Step 2:



Step 3:



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Auto-Pay

Auto-draft from bank account or debit/credit card on billing due date each month.



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