

## ■ OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

**TERMS:** With certain exceptions, farm operators and most other employers are required to furnish their employees with a job and a place of employment free from hazards that could cause death or serious injury, and must comply with federal safety and health standards that apply to their particular place of employment.

Among other agriculturally related safety and health regulations adopted by the U.S. Department of Labor, farm employers who (1) have more than 10 non-family employees, or (2) have operated a temporary labor camp within the preceding 12 months, are required to comply with standards for the safety of employees operating or working around tractors and other farm equipment, briefly summarized here:

**Roll-Over Protections on Tractors** — Farm tractors must be properly equipped with structures and devices to protect workers against roll-over hazards. The standards include test procedures and performance requirements for protective frames and enclosures for wheel-type agricultural tractors.

**Safety Measures on Other Agricultural Equipment** — The regulations prescribe both operating instructions and design specifications to safeguard operators of farm field equipment, stationary farm machinery, and cotton ginning equipment.

**ENFORCEMENT:** *Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210 (202-693-1999; toll-free 800-321-6742).*

Under a written plan approved by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, each of the following states is authorized to enforce its own agricultural equipment safety standards, identical or very similar to those described above:

***Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.***

In these states, OSHA generally does not play a part in enforcing the farm equipment safety provisions. For the name of the state agency responsible for compliance, see the first summary under the heading "*Health & Safety*" for the particular state of interest.