

# Power Take-Off (PTO) Safety



## Inspection

- Proper shields/guards on the PTO
- Look for nicks, dents, or bends that could catch clothing
- You should be able to rotate the shaft freely

## Maintenance

- Grease regularly (every 20 hours or 8 hours for severe conditions)
- Check the shields/guards, and if they are damaged replace them

## Clothing

- Wear close-fitting clothing (no loose ends, strings)
- Keep long hair under a cap/hat or tied back to prevent it from being caught in the spinning shaft

## Guarding

- Keep all components of the PTO system shielded
- Regularly test the driveline guards by spinning or rotating them to ensure they are not stuck to the shaft
- Repair or replace any damaged or missing shields

## Safe practices

- Always disengage the PTO, shut off the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove keys before getting off of the tractor
- Do not make repairs or try to unplug a machine while it is engaged
- Walk around the tractors and machinery instead of stepping over the rotating PTO shaft
- Keep children and non-workers away from the worksite

