

# Equipment Winterization & Preventative Maintenance

**Why It Matters:** Cold weather can cause machinery failure, leading to costly repairs and downtime.

## **Key Safety Points:**

- Check fluids, batteries, and tire pressure before use.
- Store equipment properly to prevent freezing.
- Run engines regularly to prevent fuel system issues.
- Inspect hydraulic lines for cracks from the cold.

**Real-Life Risks:** Many farm accidents occur due to sudden machinery failure in freezing conditions.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What's the most common equipment failure you've seen in winter?
- How often should we inspect farm machinery in cold months?