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SAFE HARVESTING PRACTICES

DAILY CHECKLIST

At the start of each day

- Relocate all firefighting equipment to the area being harvested and check it is ready for use
- Clean any build up of dust and straw in and around the engine with compressed air, especially after harvesting lupins
- Never leave a header unattended in an unclean state after harvesting lupins
- Complete daily greasing and service requirements
- Check around manifolds, turbo chargers, radiator and electrical components to ensure no combustibles are building up
- Check and clean brake linkages and park brake drums
- Adjust the tension of all belts and chains
- At least twice a day walk around the machine and watch, listen and smell to check everything is in working order
- Refuel on bare areas or on fire breaks and wash off any spilt fuel or oil which may gather dust
- Before refuelling a stationary motor always earth it to reduce the chance of ignition from static electricity.

At the end of each day

- Check that there is no dust or material collected on the header, auger and field bin motors before leaving the header unattended
- Isolate the power if possible
- Park the header on a harvested or clear area.

Precautions

- Extreme caution should be taken when moving and parking vehicles. Always try to drive on tracks and park on a clear area, as crop fires can start from hot exhaust systems and catalytic converters
- Drag a metal chain to reduce static build up and prevent fires
- Fully release park brakes before operating.

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