

Mobile plant safety

Practices and perceptions on grain-growing farms



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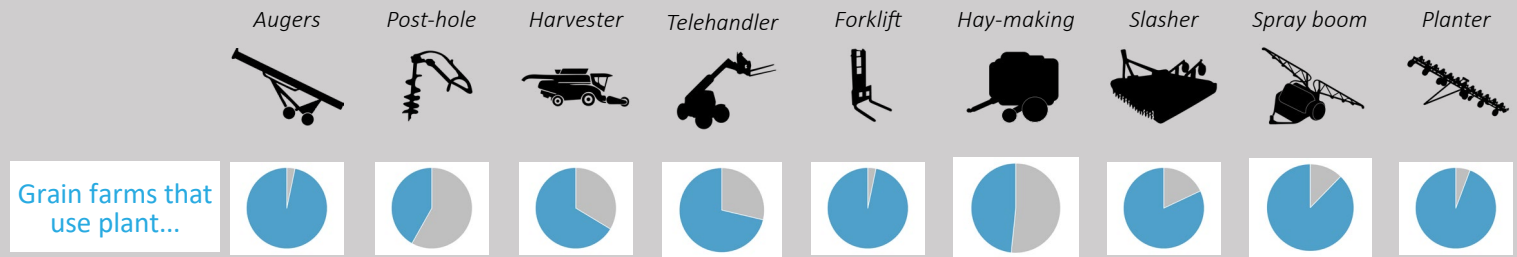


Mobile plant is risky ... and an essential part of farming

Grain growers use 7 of the 10 plant types surveyed on average

One in every 10 fatalities on farm in the last 20 years has been associated with mobile plant other than tractors and quad bikes

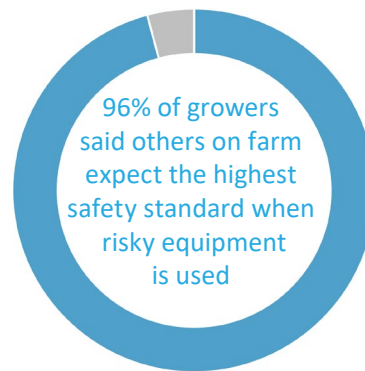
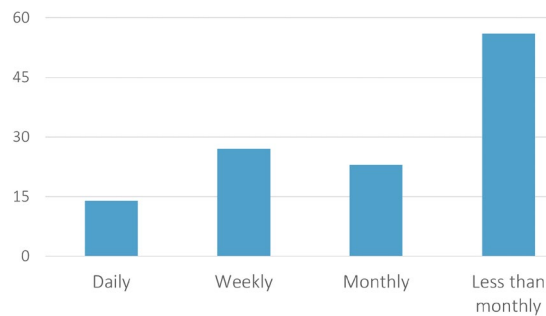
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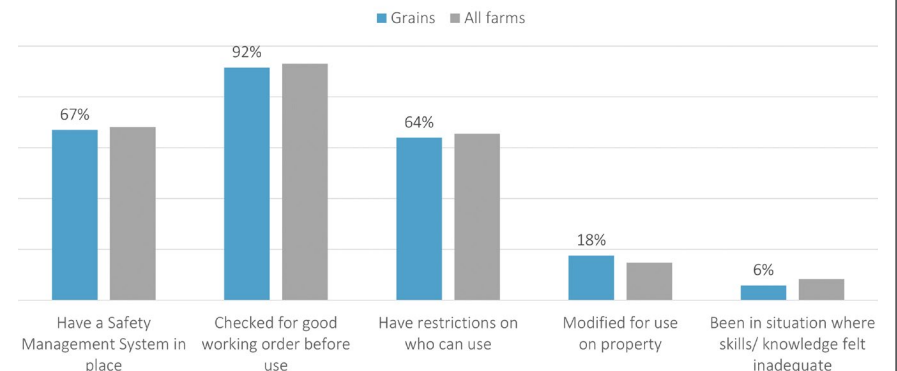
...and see as riskiest

The plant growers see as riskiest differs between farms

Mobile plant seen as the riskiest is used often on grain-growing farms



Many farms have work practices that support safe operation but not all farms and for not all risks



A Work Science survey of 229 farms: 122 were grain growers with a typical farm size of 2,000 ha, worked by one family member, five workers at peak and use of one contractor.