# Hay Bale Stacking Safety Checklist

A hay bale stacking safety checklist for workers to check stack stability, equipment, access, and clearances to prevent falling bales and rollovers.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

| ITEM | OK | FIX | N/A |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stable base for the stack | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Bales interlocked and level | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Stack height suits the equipment | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Loader or stacker inspected | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Clear walkways around stacks | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| No climbing on loose stacks | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Overhead lines clear | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Bales not stacked against walls | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Others kept out of the fall zone | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

**NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED**

**TIP** Never let anyone work beside a tall stack while bales are moved, and take down stacks from the top.