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Manual harvesting/bucking

Safety Alert Type:
Manual Harvesting/Bucking

Location: Avalon Dryland Sort

Date of Incident: 2008-01-17
Company Name: C.N. Danroth Contracting Ltd.

Details of Incident:

- Bucker had been using a spare saw because his regular saw was broken down.
- The spare saw he was using was not in proper working order but the bucker did not want to switch it out for another spare because it was more powerful than the other saws he would have to choose from.
- The bucker was standing by the bucking cart and attempting to shut his saw off; the kill switch wouldn't go up properly and the only way he could shut it off was pushing the choke down.
- Another bucker came around his back side to put his saw on the side of the cart; he bumped the first bucker causing him to drop his saw.
- The saw was in full throttle position as it dropped to the ground it landed upside down on the second bucker's foot and the chain brake went on.
- No injury occurred.
- The first bucker picked up the saw and shut it off and then took it to the saw shop and tagged it out.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

- Buckers must ensure they only operate saws that are in proper working order.
- Buckers must ensure that their chains are not running when they are in a close proximity to other workers.
- Tailgate the appropriate crews to alert them of the dangerous situation they could be putting themselves and others in by operating equipment that is not in proper working order.

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