

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Hog Chute Failure

A loader operator pulled a bin from under a yellow chute that was directing hog from the galley. When the operator backed up, the bin struck the chute and it detached from the top and fell landing in front of a doorway.

The chute was fully compacted with frozen hog and very heavy.

No injuries occurred.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Investigate other chutes for similar hazards.
- Develop a pre-winter inspection process for all chutes to ensure there is no material buildup on the chute walls.
- Consider adding all chutes with potential to plug during cold weather to the monthly facility inspections.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

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