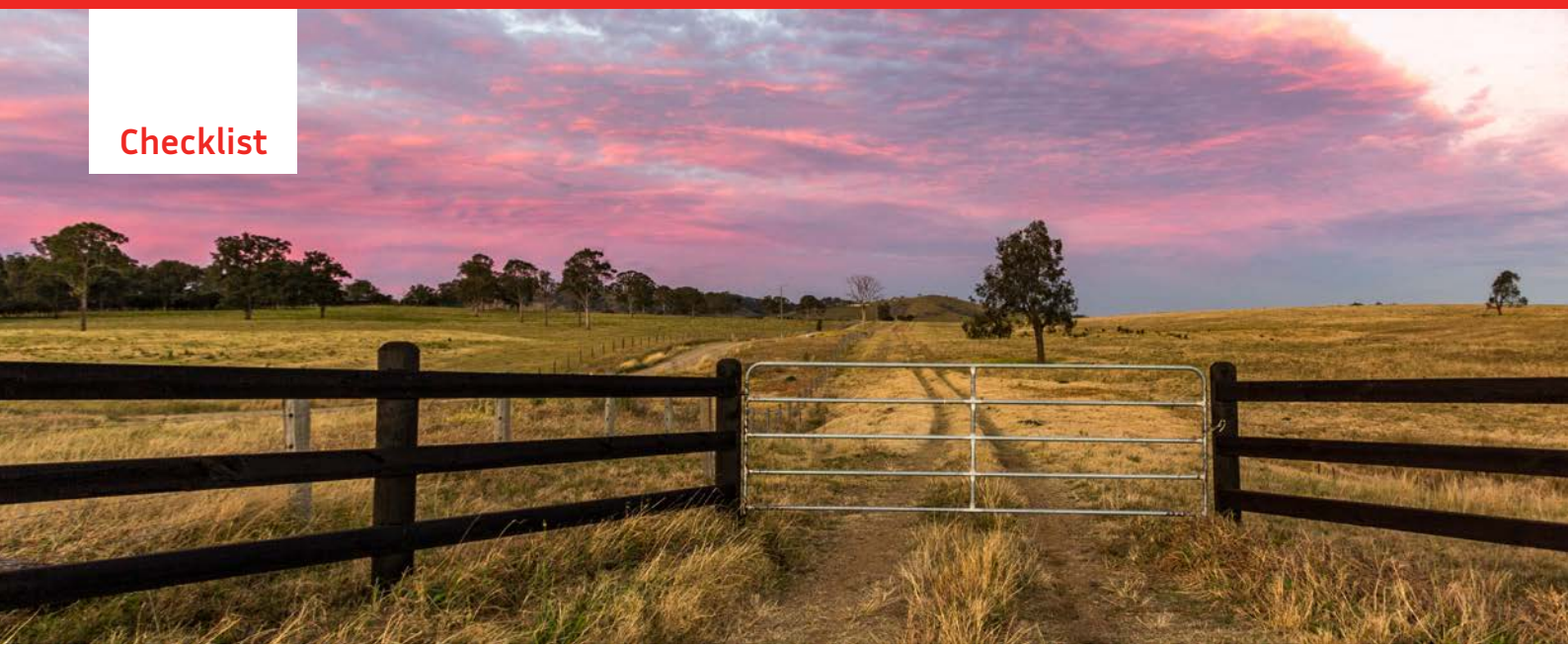
Checklist



Powerline safety on farms

Before you start, know where the powerlines and poles are. If you're new to the farm, working in a different paddock or using unfamiliar machinery, take a few minutes to check before you get going.

Know where the poles and powerlines are

We'll show you where overhead poles and powerlines cross the property and point out any areas where you need to take extra care.

Don't assume you'll see them. Powerlines can be harder to spot in dust, glare, low light or from inside large machinery.

Know your equipment

Know the height of the machinery, load and equipment you're using.

Take extra care with equipment that can be raised or extended, including:

- harvesters and headers
- augers
- tractors and raised attachments
- tip trucks and trailers
- irrigation equipment
- loaders and telehandlers
- spraying equipment.

Know your route

Before you move off, know where you're going and where the powerlines are along the way.

Keep at least 3 metres clear of overhead powerlines.

Pay extra attention around gateways, fence lines, sheds, loading areas and anywhere tall machinery regularly travels.

Stop and look up

Before raising an auger, tipper tray, boom or other equipment:

STOP. LOOK UP.
CHECK YOUR CLEARANCE.

Use a spotter when you need another pair of eyes, particularly when visibility is poor or you're moving large equipment. The farm safety guidance identifies spotters as a useful way of watching for powerlines and blind spots.

Need to check where powerlines are?
Scan to use **Look Up and Live**

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Powerline pre-start check

Before work starts, check:

- **Powerlines and poles –** I know where my powerlines and poles are.
- **My machinery –** I know the height of my equipment, load and anything that raises or extends.
- **My route –** I know the safe way into, around and out of the work area.
- **Clearance –** I can keep at least 3 metres clear of overhead powerlines.
- **Conditions –** I've checked whether dust, glare, low light or weather could make powerlines harder to see. The source material also notes that lines can sway in wind and sag in heat.
- **Spotter –** I'll use a spotter if I need help seeing powerlines or judging clearance.

If you contact a powerline

STOP. CALL. STAY.

STOP
what you're doing.

CALL
triple zero (000).

STAY
in the vehicle until you're told it's safe to get out.

Warn everyone else to stay well away.

Before you start ask yourself...

- Where are the lines?
- How high is my equipment?
- What's my safe route?

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