



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:7-2-05 Suitability and safety of warehouses for inspection and handling agricultural commodities.

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(A) In determining the suitability of warehouses for the storing, shipping, and conditioning of agricultural commodities the director of agriculture may consider:

(1) The physical condition of the warehouse and the warehouse's ability to withstand weather conditions which may cause deterioration of the agricultural commodities stored therein;

(2) Whether the warehouse has handling equipment sufficient to transfer commodities into and out of the warehouse and to maintain quality of the commodity while in storage;

(3) Whether the warehouse has scales of sufficient capacity and dimensions to efficiently and accurately weigh commodities into and out of the warehouse. Receiving and shipping scales shall be tested and sealed at least once annually by one of the following; Ohio department of agriculture weights and measures division, county weights and measures division, or state of Ohio registered service person or company.

(B) If the director finds that a warehouse is unsuitable for the storing of commodities, the director will notify the handler of the requirements necessary to make the warehouse suitable.

(C) If the director finds that a warehouse, bin, or any area of a warehouse is unsafe, only the areas the inspector can safely inspect will be approved and included in the inventory of that inspection. Any area found to be unsafe will not be counted and will not be included in the inventory. The owner of the facility will be notified of the action necessary to make the warehouse safe for examination.

(1) Fixed ladders. If the total length of the climb on a fixed ladder equals or exceeds twenty-four feet up to one hundred fifty feet, the ladder must be equipped with a cage or well and multiple ladder sections. Each ladder section not to exceed fifty feet in length. The ladder sections must be offset from adjacent sections and landing platforms must be provided at maximum intervals of fifty feet.



(2) Fixed ladder cage or well exception. If the fixed ladder equals or exceeds twenty-four feet up to one hundred fifty feet and the ladder is equipped with occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) approved ladder safety systems or personal fall arrest systems.

(3) Guardrail systems. Adequate guardrail systems shall be installed on all silos or bins where walking away from the ladder or manlift is required for physical measurement. Adequate guardrail systems shall be installed on all catwalks used for access to bin measurement.