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ASABE SAFETY STANDARD FOR AGRICULTURAL FRONT LOADERS REVISED

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN—The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has completed a revision to ANSI/ASAE S583.2, Safety for Agricultural Front-End Loaders.

The standard, which specifies safety requirements for the design and construction of agricultural front-end loaders (front loaders) designed to be mounted on standard, agricultural wheeled tractors, was revised to update the normative references, add a definition for a quick-attach loader, and make the use of the terms *attachment* and *allowable attachment* consistent throughout the document. The updates also improve understanding of other test and performance requirements.

During this project, ASABE and the CSA Group (formerly Canadian Standards Association) worked together to harmonize the ASABE and CSA versions of their respective agricultural front-loader safety standards.

The general content of S583.1 was initially developed as CSA M682-04 and adopted in 2005 by ASABE to provide a reasonable degree of personal safety for operators and other persons during normal operation and servicing of front loaders on agricultural tractors.

ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text via electronic download on the ASABE online Technical Library at elibrary.asabe.org/. Others can obtain a download for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

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