American Society of Safety Professionals – Delmarva Chapter 12/8/21

## -Safety Moment- Firefighters from multiple agencies responded to a silo fire at the [Fieldale Farms](http://www.fieldale.com/site) feed mill in Baldwin, Georgia.

## Units from Baldwin, Habersham and Banks counties worked to bring the fire, which occurred on November 26, under control.

## Habersham County Fire Chief Chad Black told WATT Global Media that the Fieldale operation is located across the street from the Baldwin fire station, and the reporting party walked to that station to notify them that there appeared to be some charring at the top of a silo containing soybeans.

## Baldwin was the first fire department on the scene at around 6:30 a.m., Black said.

## While the exact cause of the fire has not been determined, Black said it was apparent “some type of flash fire had occurred.”

## The fire was eventually put out when four tons of dry nitrogen was added to displace the oxygen, he said.

## There were no injuries reported in connection with the fire.

## This is at least the second time in the past five years firefighters dealt with a situation at Fieldale Farms’ Baldwin feed mill. In July 2017, [the facility was damaged and an employee was transferred to a nearby hospital](https://www.wattagnet.com/articles/31302-fieldale-feed-mill-explosion-damages-building-burns-man) to be treated for burns suffered as a result of an explosion.

## Use LOTO on the sweep when entering the bin. Or maintain control of the plug. Secure closed all intermediate slides.

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. OSHA recordables for Feed & Delivery 2021:
	1. **Millsboro FM – 2/10/21 - injured his thumb while shoveling.**
	2. **Frankford FM – 5/26/21 - injured his arm/wrist when the drill caught and caused twisting.**
	3. **Delivery – 7/8/21- injured lower back and leg when reaching and lifting handle to close bin lid**
	4. **Westover FM – 1/14/21 - strained left arm when pulling on a wrench**
2. DHA updates:

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|  |  | **DHA Updates 11-22-21** |  |
|   |  | **number of findings** | **Closed** |
| 1 | Westover | 57 | 18 |
| 2 | FFM | 81 | 29 |
| 3 | Millsboro FM | 43 | 13 |

1. Boiler Safety Audit – updates needed, # of people for class needed
2. Chemical handling safety (ongoing focus into 2022):
	1. VP saw liquid ingredient delivery driver sitting with face/eyes near the connection
	2. Where do we store chloroform? We don’t want it near oxidizing compounds or strong bases. Store less than 12 months. Use under the running hood. Vapors are heavier than air. Also reacts with aluminum.
3. New Employee Safety Check Sheet and Orientation Manual (new/one time roll out of existing)
4. Rail safety
5. Compliance calendars
6. Safety Action items
7. Safety Recognition Eggs-keep them coming! Hi light hourly employees