

# Safety Observation Audit – Feller-Buncher Operation

Safety Audit for \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of employee)*

**Safe Behavior**

Feller-buncher (F-B) is inspected for safety prior to beginning each work shift, including ROPS, FOPS, steps, guards, handholds, and sawhead/cutting teeth. Seat belt is worn at all times. Proper PPE is used at appropriate times. F-B is operated at least 2 tree-lengths from other personnel or equipment – 300 feet if high-speed disk sawhead is used. The F-B is operated at a safe speed, and not on excessive slope. When the F-B is stopped, the felling head is lowered to the ground, the sawhead disk is “stumped” to stop the movement, the brake is set, and the operator remains near the machine during a “cool-down” period. The rated cutting, accumulating or carrying capacity of the F-B is not exceeded. The accumulated load is carried low for machine stability. Hung trees are immediately pushed to the ground with the felling attachment. Extreme caution is used when operating the F-B on a windy day. No riders are carried on the F-B. The proper 3-point contact technique is used when mounting or dismounting the F-B.

OBSERVATIONS	SAFE	UNSAFE	COMMENTS
(1) F-B inspection completed			
(2) Seat belt worn			
(3) Appropriate PPE used			
(4) Operated at safe distance			
(5) Operated at safe speed/slope			
(6) F-B properly stopped			
(7) F-B capacity not exceeded			
(8) Accumulated load carried low			
(9) Hung trees pushed to ground			
(10) Caution during windy day			
(11) No riders carried			
(12) Proper mounting/dismounting			
(13)			
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No. of safe observations: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of unsafe observations: \_\_\_\_\_ % safe observations: \_\_\_\_\_

General safety comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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By \_\_\_\_\_

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