Hazards and Eye Protection on the Farm Picture This



What’s wrong with this picture? Is this a new form of eye protection? Can he even breathe properly?

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is important for agricultural producers to reduce their risk of injury or death. Most eye injuries can be prevented by wearing the appropriate PPE.

Injuries to the eye can be expensive, painful, and may cause partial or total blindness. Proper eye protection is the best strategy in preventing eye injuries because most eye injuries are a result of flying particles. The eye has its own built-in protection from the surrounding bone structure, eyelashes, tearing, and blinking; but they are no match for particles entering the eye at a high rate of speed. Eye protection should be worn when completing the following types of jobs:

feed grinding, handling chemicals, haying, welding, repairing equipment, and any task completed in a dusty environment.