

Carrying Your Farm on a Hitch Pin

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What are the grades and conditions of the hitch pins hanging in the shop, in the back of the truck or tractor, or under the workbench? When you consider that anhydrous wagons and pesticide trailers are connected to the truck by a single hitch pin, isn't it a good idea to know? This presentation will discuss the science of connecting a truck or tractor to a trailer by a hitch pin and why safety chains are so important.



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