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## INTRODUCTION



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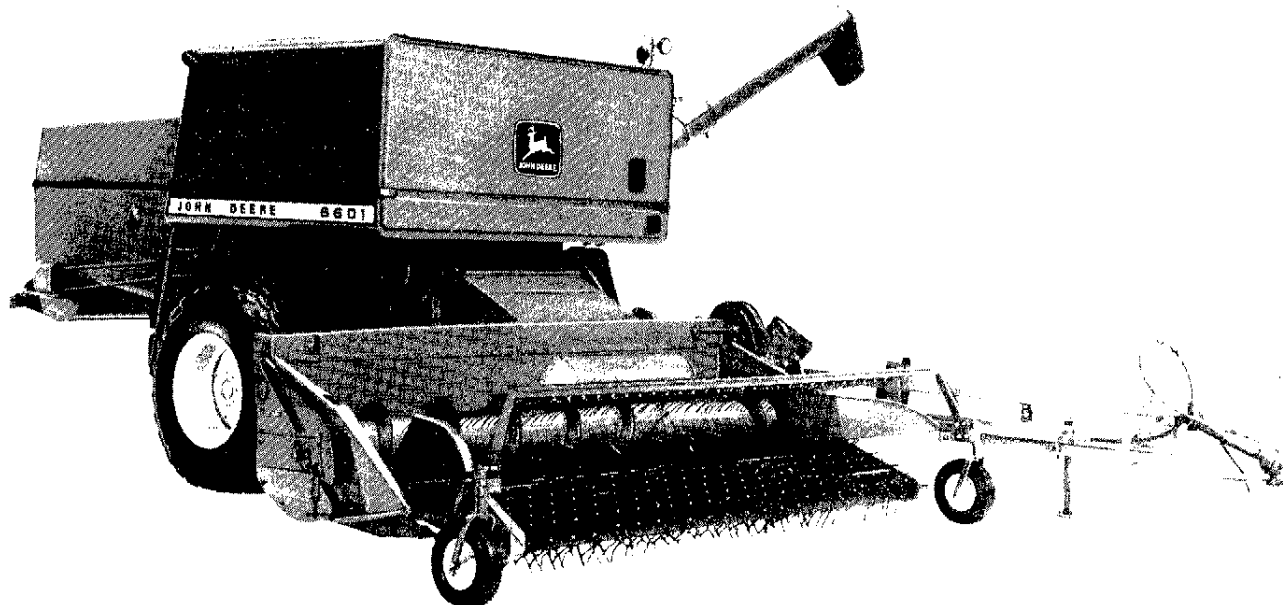
Your Operator's manual contains SI Metric equivalents which follow immediately after the U.S. customary units of measure.

"Right-hand" and "left-hand" sides are determined by facing in the direction the combine will travel when in use.

Record your combine serial numbers in the space provided in Specifications.

The warranty on this combine appears on your copy of the purchase order which you should have received from your dealer when making your purchase. This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty.

Warranty and field improvements are a part of John Deere's product support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied.





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# Safety



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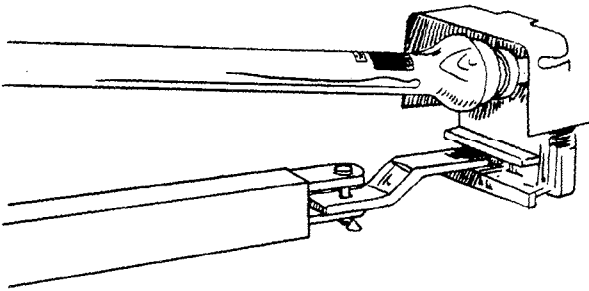
**CAUTION, WARNING or DANGER:** Decals with these headings and symbol indicate the possibility of personal injury.

**IMPORTANT:** Decals with this heading indicate the possibility of damage to the machine.

Decals are located in areas where they apply.

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## AVOID CONTACT WITH MOVING PARTS



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Keep guards and shields in place at all times while operating the combine. Always disengage tractor PTO and shut off engine before removing guards or shields.

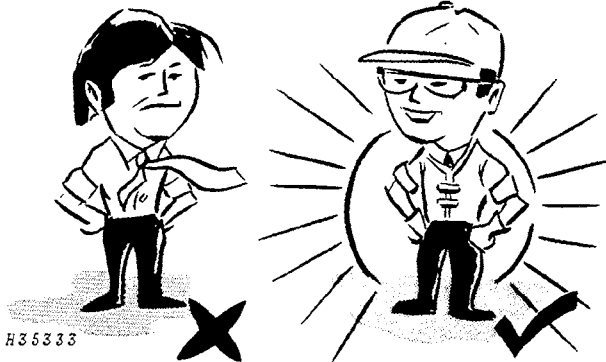
Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from power-driven parts.

Never clean, lubricate, or adjust the combine when it is running.

Everyone must be clear before starting tractor engine or running combine.

Never attempt to clear obstructions off the header unless the PTO is disengaged and the tractor engine is shut off.

## OPERATE SAFELY



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Clothing worn by operator must be fairly tight and belted. Loose jackets, shirts, or sleeves must never be worn.

The gearshift lever of tractor must be in neutral and the PTO lever disengaged before starting tractor engine.

Be careful when operating on hillsides so the combine or tractor will not tip sideways.

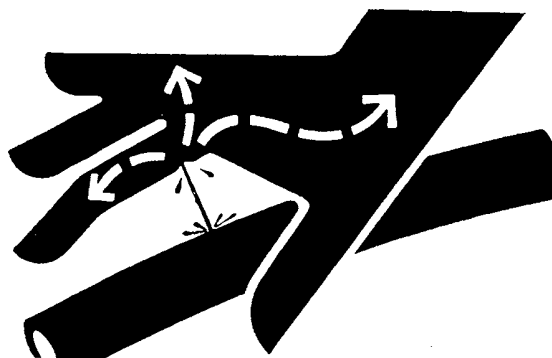
Always keep the tractor in gear when going down hills.

## AVOID HIGH-PRESSURE FLUIDS

Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Relieve pressure before disconnecting hydraulic or other lines. Tighten all connections before applying pressure. Keep hands and body away from pin holes and nozzles which eject fluids under high pressure. Use a piece of cardboard or paper to search for leaks. Do not use your hand.

If ANY fluid is injected into the skin, it must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type injury or gangrene may result.

Cracking hydraulic line fittings to lower the feeder house will result in an instantaneous dropping of feeder house or feeder house and header.



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## LEAVING COMBINE UNATTENDED

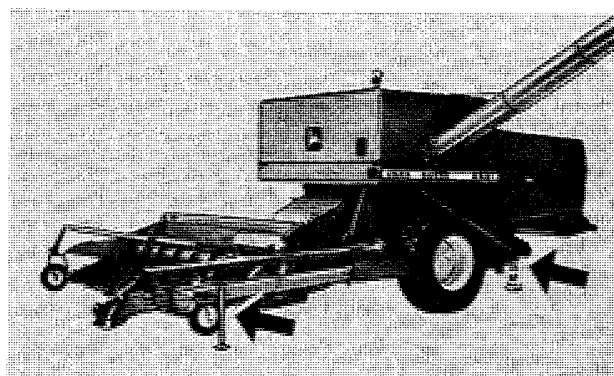
Before leaving combine unattended, support header with either hydraulic cylinder safety stop or with blocks, or lower it to ground.

Lower hitch and separator support stands and block wheels.

If combine is attached to tractor, place tractor transmission in park, stop engine and remove tractor key.

If platform is to be removed from separator, use support stand on separator.

**CAUTION:** Before platform is removed attach support stand to separator and place in "down" position as shown with dotted lines. Adjust stand to contact ground so hitch tube will not fly upward when platform is removed.



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## TRANSPORT SAFELY

Never ride or allow anyone on the tractor, drawbar, or hitch.

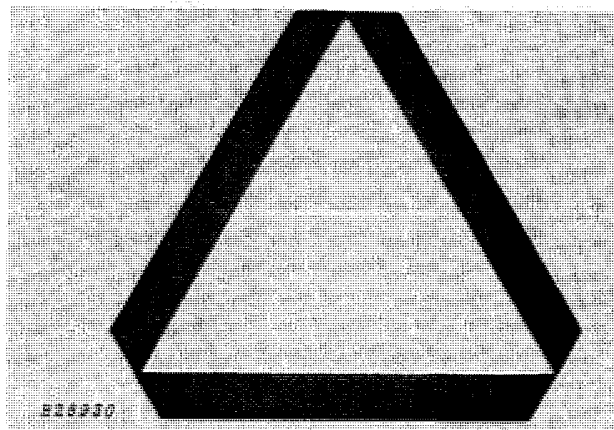
Be extra careful when transporting the combine in hilly country.

Use a tractor large enough to maintain control. When transporting the combine on a road or highway, use accessory lights and devices for adequate warning to the operators of other vehicles. In this regard, check local governmental regulations.

Tow only with agricultural tractor equipment with stationary drawbar.

Support stands must be rotated 90 degrees for transporting.

Do not transport combine over 20 MPH (32.2 km/h).



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