


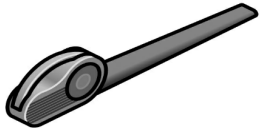



HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD?

Farm Equipment	Noise Level (dB)	Max Safe Time*	*Max time without wearing hearing protection
ATV, Push Mower	90 dB	2.5 HRS	
Tractor/Combine (with Cab), Grain Auger	92 dB	1.5 HRS	
Air Compressor, Shop Vac	95 dB	47 MIN	
Pigs Squealing, Irrigation Pump	100 dB	15 MIN	
Riding Mower, Pressure Washer	102 dB	9 MIN	
Tractor (No Cab), Grain Dryer	105 dB	4 MIN	
Leaf Blower	110 dB	1 - 2 MIN	
Chain Saw	115 dB	< 1 MIN	



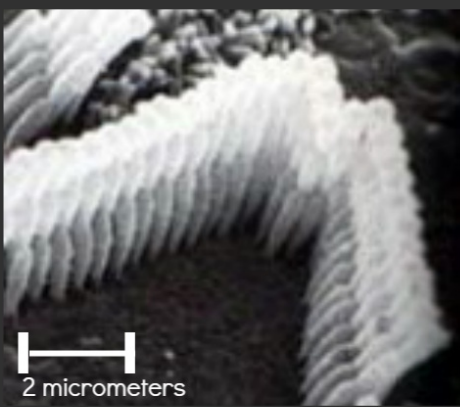
YOUR EARS are just as important as these EARS.



Healthy



Damaged



Healthy



Damaged

Source of ear hair cell photos: dangerousdecibels.org

Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Farmers



33%, or 2 out of 6

33% of farmers in the Midwest region reported **RINGING IN THE EARS**.



52%, or 3 out of 6

52% reported **DIFFICULTY HEARING CONVERSATIONS, TV, AND RADIO**.



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WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

TYPE

Daily
Activities

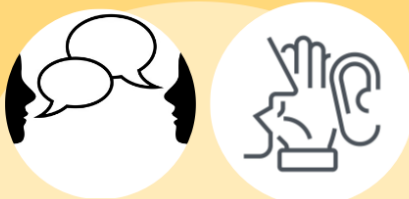
Speech

NORMAL
Hearing



Let's talk about a field of corn.

MILD Hearing
Loss



Difficulty hearing some speech and whispering

Let's talk about a field of corn.

MODERATE
Hearing Loss



Difficulty hearing group conversations

Let's talk about a field of corn.

SEVERE
Hearing Loss



Difficulty hearing TV, radio, a person talking

Let's talk about a field of corn.

TINNITUS



Ringing and/or buzzing in the ears



Noticable in quiet settings.