OSHA Fines Beattie Farm Cooperative

BEATTIE, Kan. (AP) - A Marshall County farm cooperative has been fined \$65,900 after a worker lost the toes on his left foot when he became entangled in an auger.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced Tuesday that the employee of the Beattie Farmers Union Cooperative was injured in August 2014 while he was cleaning out a grain bin near Waterville. It said locking devices were not placed on the augers to prevent them from turning on while workers were in the bin.

OSHA said in a news release that it found one willful, one repeated and three serious safety and health violations at the operation. The employee has not been able to return to work.

Representatives for the cooperative did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

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