



Seasonal Observations around the Dugout!



Hey, Safety Wranglers! Jenna here, with a chart activity my dad showed Blake and I how to do last

year. It's really easy to do, and sure gets me thinking about how much the farm can change from month to month and season to season!

This season, mom and dad want us to think about the dugout. **Can you help me fill out the rest of this chart?** What does your dugout look like? What about your local lake or irrigation supply? **Remember** to observe from a distance—this activity does not require you to go in or near the dugout or water!

<i>DUGOUT</i>	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Observation or Prediction	Thin ice on surface Open water becoming more common		Thin ice shows up late fall Still some open water	Generally has solid ice Snow on surface
Water Level	Water level is: _____	Water level is: _____	Water level is: fairly low	Water level is: low, frozen
Condition of Embankment			Looks dry, but there is thick mud down below	Frozen mud, snowy
What could happen?			We could get stuck, slip on the steep sides or slide into the water	If the ice is not thick enough, we could fall in
Why would we be there?			No reason to be near the dugout	Might go skating if mom & dad check the ice first
Safety Thoughts & Solutions			If we were down there, we might get stuck. Best plan is to not be down there at all.	Only go skating if mom and dad say it's okay Go skating at the outdoor rink in town instead