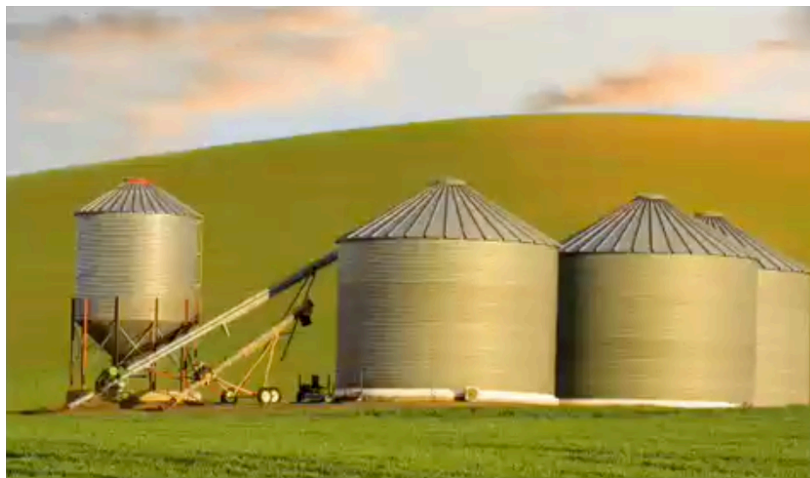


ADOBE PHOTOSHOP Elements TECHNIQUES

Master the Straighten Tool

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How to straighten your photos in Elements.

1. Open your image and select the **Straighten** tool (Keyboard Shortcut: **P**).
2. In the tool options bar, you have the **Canvas Options** drop down menu. Select **Crop to Remove Background**.
3. Drag the tool across a horizon line that should be parallel with the top of your image and let go. It will automatically straighten the image and crop it.
4. If you have an image that doesn't have a horizon line, you can also use a vertical line. Try using the side of a building if you know it's straight up and down. Click with the mouse, *then* hold the **Control/Command** key while you drag your **Straighten** tool across your vertical line and let go. It will automatically straighten the image without rotating it. (It's important to remember that you need to click first, then hold down the key.)