

Detasseling corn

Adult responsibilities

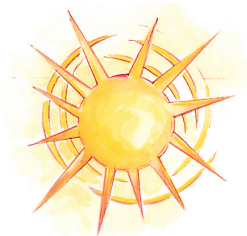
ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Child has safe transport to the field
- Work area has no hazards
- Child has no insect allergies
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- Child wears long sleeved shirt, long pants, wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Child and adult can communicate by cellular phone, walkie-talkie or other method
- Break areas are provided away from the work site with bathrooms and water for drinking and washing hands
- Child has at least one ten-minute break every hour
- Child drinks a quart of fluids every hour



Can your child do this job?

Main Hazards



Sun can cause heat exhaustion



Repetitive motion can strain muscles and injure back and joints

ABILITY

Is the child tall enough to reach the tassels from a balanced standing position without overstretching?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who have to strain to reach the tassels are more likely to be injured.

Can the child repeat a manual procedure for 50 minutes without becoming exhausted?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children working beyond their endurance are more likely to be injured.

Is your child responsible? Do you trust your child to do what's expected without anyone checking?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! Children who behave irresponsibly need close supervision.

TRAINING

Has an adult demonstrated detasseling corn on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

Age 12-13:
WATCH nearly constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 14-15:
CHECK every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes, then make sure the child is not showing signs of fatigue.

Age 16+:
 When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes, then make sure the child is not showing signs of fatigue.

Remember



Non-skid shoes



Respirator as needed



Eye protection