# Feeding hay to cows

## **Adult responsibilities**

#### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Work area has no hazards
- Climbing structure is safe and stable
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- Animals have no disease

# **Can your child do this job?**

Can the child climb a ladder safely? (See "Climbing")

 $\Box$  Yes.

ABILITY



 $\Box$  Yes.

 $\Box$  Yes.

 $\Box$  Yes.

 $\Box$  Yes.

□ No. STOP! Children must be able to climb a ladder correctly to do this job safely.

### Main **Hazards**



Working up high can lead to falls



Weight of bales can strain muscles

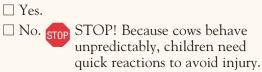


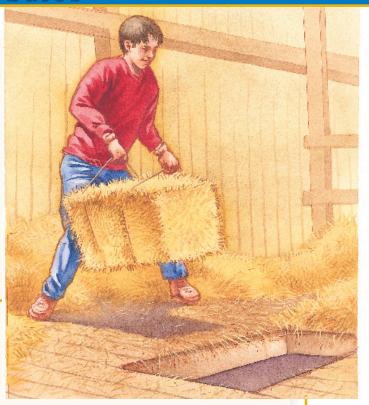
Animal movement can cause injury



□ No. 1 CAUTION! An adult should carry the hay to the feeding area.

#### Can the child react quickly?





#### TRAINING

#### Has the child been trained on animal behavior?

#### $\Box$ Yes.

□ No. STOP! Children who don't understand animal behavior are more likely to be injured.

#### If the child is 12 or older, has he or she been trained to use cutting tools?

#### $\Box$ Yes.

□ No. STOP! Training is needed to prevent injury.

#### Has an adult demonstrated feeding hay to cows on site?

#### $\Box$ Yes.



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?

#### $\Box$ 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?

 $\Box$  Yes.

□ No. STOP! The right level

## Remember



Non-skid soles



Respirator as needed



of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

## Supervision

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

Haymowjobs and carrying bales in feed alley:

Age 16+: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes. Cut twine or wire:

Age 12-13: WATCH nearly constantly.

Age 14-15: **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 16+: When the child shows he or she can do the job, LEAVE for 15 to 30 minutes.

#### Distribute hay to cows:

Age 10-11:LIMIT job to 20 minutes. WATCH nearly constantly. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 12-13: **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 14–15: When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.