

Feeding hay to cows

square bales

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?

Main Hazards



Working up high can lead to falls



Weight of bales can strain muscles



Animal movement can cause injury

ABILITY

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

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

Can the child lift safely?
(See "Lifting")

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to lift correctly to do this job safely.

Is the child comfortable around cows?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who are uncomfortable around cows are more likely to be injured.

Does the bale the child will lift weigh less than 10-15% of his or her body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! The child should carry the hay in smaller sections or an adult should carry the bale.

Does the child have to carry the hay less than 10-15 yards?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should carry the hay to the feeding area.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Because cows behave unpredictably, children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on animal behavior?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** 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?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Training is needed to prevent injury.

Has an adult demonstrated feeding hay to cows 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.

Remember



Non-skid soles



Respirator as needed



Leather gloves

Supervision

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

Haymow jobs 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.