Trailed implements

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Implement is in good working order
- All safety features are in place
- Work area has no hazards
- Child and adult can communicate by cell phone, walkie-talkies or other method
- Child wears long sleeved shirt, long pants, wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Long hair is tied up

Main

Hazards

Tractor rollover can cause

death or disability

Collision with fences and

trees can cause injury

- Child has at least on ten-minute break every hour
- Child drinks a quart of fluids every hour

Can your child do this job?

ABILITY

Can the child drive a tractor? (See "Driving a Farm Tractor")

☐ Yes.

☐ No. STOP STOP! Children must be able to drive a tractor to do this job safely.

Can the child hitch and unhitch the trailed implement? (See "Trailed Implements Hitch/Unhitch")

☐ Yes.

☐ No. ! CAUTION! An adult should hitch and unhitch the implement.

Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

☐ No.stop STOP! Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

Can the child react quickly?

☐ Yes.

☐ No. STOP STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

 \square Yes.

☐ No. STOP STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond and stay calm

Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

☐ Yes.stopSTOP! Children who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.

☐ No.

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

☐ Yes.

☐ No. STOP STOP! Irresponsible behavior can lead to injury.

Does the child do things that seem dangerous for the thrill of it?

☐ Yes.stopSTOP! Children who take risks or behave dangerously are more likely to be injured.

☐ No.

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Has an adult demonstrated fieldwork with a trailed implement 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?

 \square 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 recommende?

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

Remember



Hearing protection



Supervision

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

Age 14 - 15: WATCH constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 16+: A child must be 16 or older to drive an articulated tractor or drive on a public road. CHECK every few minutes. When the child shows he or she can do the job, LEAVE for 15 to 30 minutes.