

PTO-powered implements

fieldwork



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-talkie or other method
- Child wears long sleeved shirt, long pants, wide brimmed hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Long hair is tied up
- Child has at least one 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 implement?
(See "Trailed Implements Hitch/Unhitch")

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should hitch and unhitch the implement.

Can the child connect and disconnect the PTO? (See "Power Takeoff Connect/Disconnect")

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should connect and disconnect the PTO.

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?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

Can the child stay focused on a job up to 50 minutes?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children working beyond their attention span are easily distracted and more likely to be injured.

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?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

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

- Yes. **STOP** STOP! 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. **STOP** STOP! Children who take risks or behave dangerously are more likely to be injured.
- No.

TRAINING

Has an adult demonstrated fieldwork with a PTO powered 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?

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

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.

Main Hazards



Tractor rollover can cause death or disability



Moving parts can entangle arms, legs hair and clothing



Collision with fences and trees can cause injury

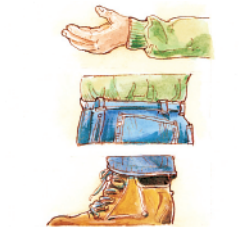
Remember



Non-skid shoes



Hearing protection



Tight-fitting clothes