

# Remote hydraulics

## 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



FIELDWORK WITH REMOTE HYDRAULICS

### 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 hydraulics?

(See "Hydraulics Connect/Disconnect")

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

##### 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 remote hydraulics 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.

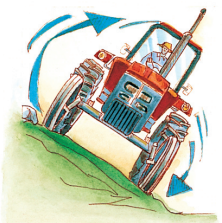
#### Age 14-15:

**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. A child must be 16 or older to drive an articulated tractor or drive on a public road.

### Main Hazards



Tractor rollover can cause death or disability



High pressure injection of hydraulic fluid can cause gangrene



Collision with fences and trees can cause injury

### Remember



Non-skid shoes



Hearing protection



Tight-fitting clothes