Farm Safety for Youth Keeping the Next Generation Safe

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Objectives

- Why young people are uniquely vulnerable to farm hazards.
- Top hazards, and statistics associated with youth agricultural injuries.
- Effective ways to train young workers and ensure safe behaviors
- Review child labor laws and resources



Davidson joined PAF in 2014. As Program Manager, Davidson leads the Foundation's program team overseeing day-to-day and long-range program operations, while continuing to strengthen the overall reach, impact, and outcomes of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (PAF Safety Day), which is recognized as the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America.

She guides the program staff through ongoing efforts to reach more children, families, and communities throughout North America to best align with the ongoing needs in rural and farming landscapes.

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The Numbers

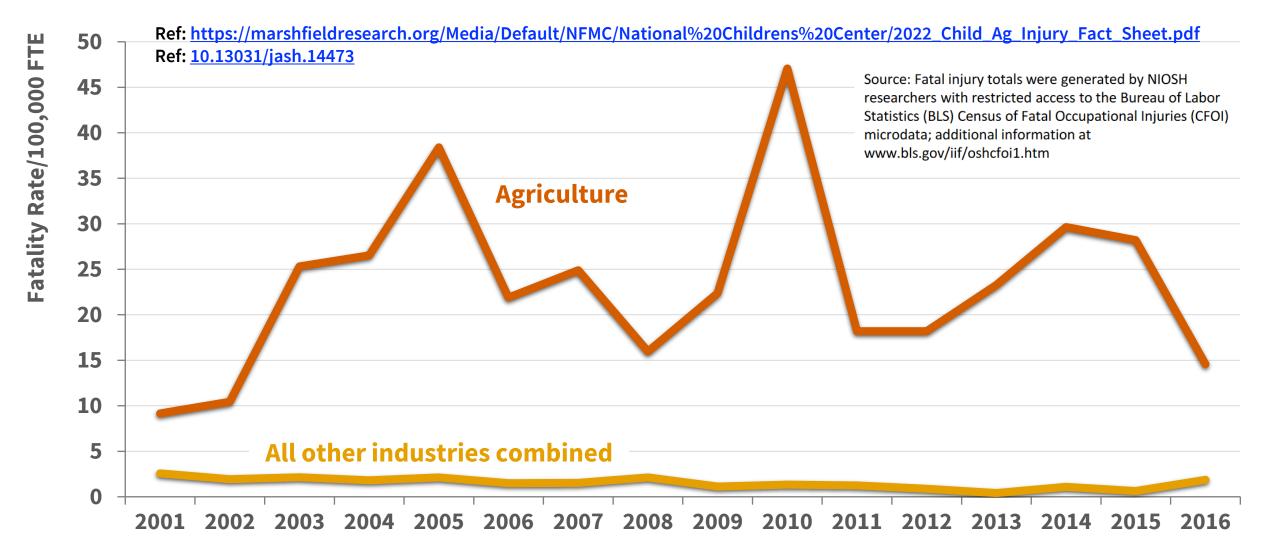
- 22 million people employed in an agriculture-related field
- 2 million farms in the U.S.
- 893,000 children/youth live on farms
- More than half of these work on farms (51%)
- An additional 265,600 youth are hired to work on farms
- An estimated 25 million youth visit farms
- Diverse population

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- Hispanic, Anabaptist, African American, Native American, etc.

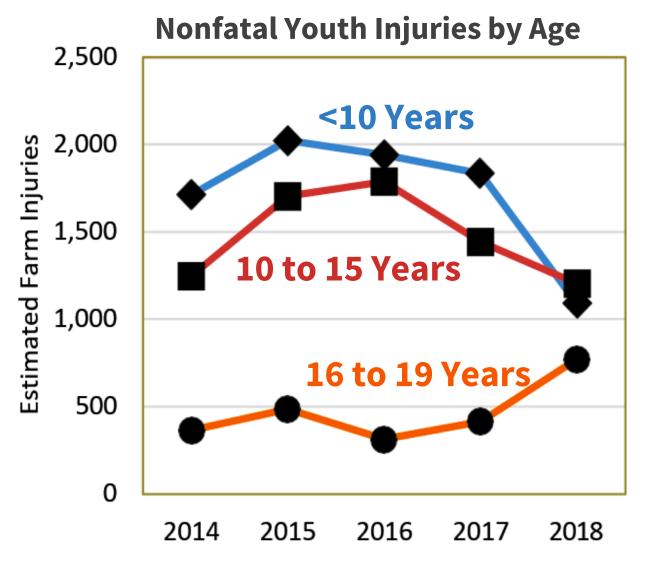
Source: <u>https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/chart-gallery/gallery/chart-detail/?chartId=58282</u> & National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (2022). 2022 Fact Sheet – Childhood Agricultural Injuries. Marshfield Clinic Health System, Marshfield WI. doi.org/10.21636/nfmc.nccrahs.injuryfactsheet.r.2022

Working Youth Fatality Rates in Agriculture vs All Other Industries, 2001-2016



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Nonfatal Child Agricultural Injury



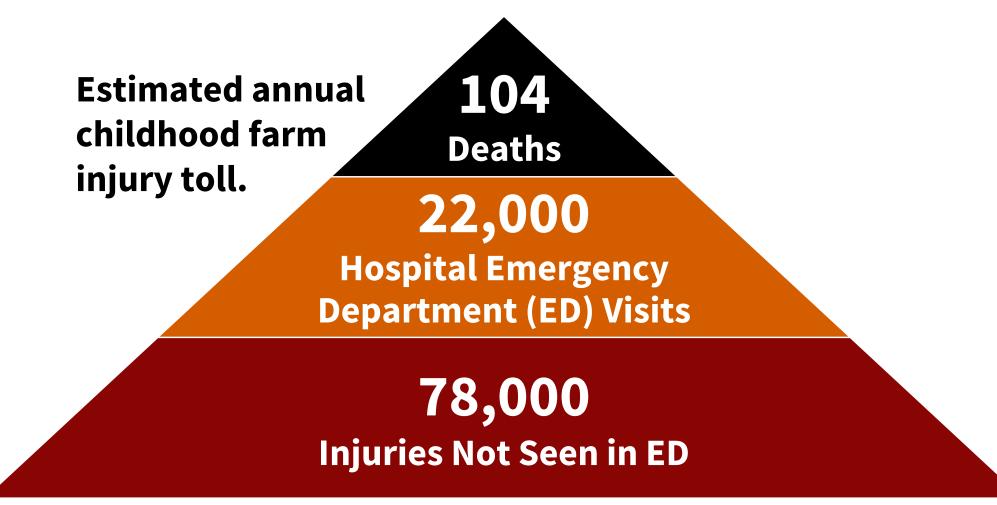
Every day about **33 children are injured** in agriculture-related incidents

Vehicles are leading cause of injury among working youth

Livestock are leading cause of injury for **nonworking youth**

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Child Agricultural Injuries What we know. What we don't know.



Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention and Committee on Community Health Services.

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Top 5 Injury Statistics

A child dies in an agriculturerelated incident about every 3 days

The number of ag-related youth worker fatalities is higher than all other industries combined. The agricultural worksite is one of the nation's most hazardous, and may include children of any age.

Every day, about 33 children are seriously injured in an agriculture-related incident

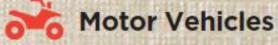
> 60% of child agrelated injuries happen to children who are not working

Many agricultural work-related injuries and deaths are associated with children doing work that does not match their developmental level

ILLINOIS Source: 2024 NCCRAHS Resource Child Agricultural Safety Brochure: www.cultivatesafety.org/resources

Top 3 Causes of Injuries & Fatalities:

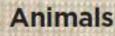
Fatal' 🖧 Machinery



T Drowning

Non-Fatal²





Machinery/Vehicles

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\$1.26 BILLION

Economic IMPACT

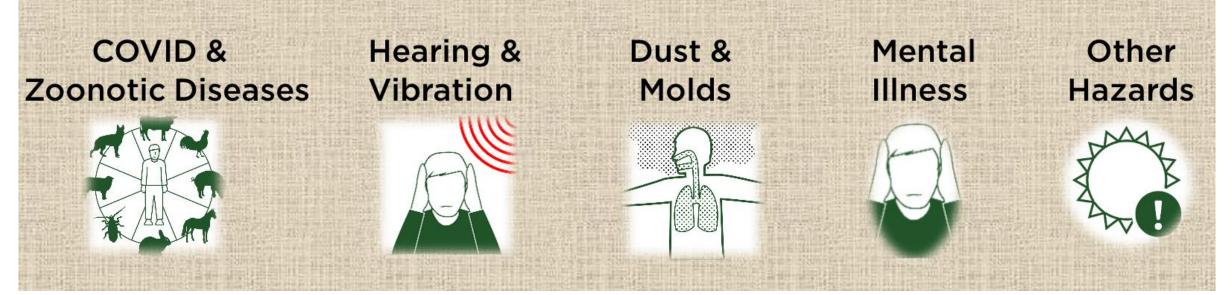
> Non-fatal youth agricultural injuries cost society an estimated \$1.26 billion per year, and can wipe out an individual family farm's annual profits in just days, depending on severity.

Zaloshnja E, Miller TR, Lawrence BA (2012). Incidence and Cost of Injury Among Youths in Agricultural Settings, United States, 2001-2006 Pediatrics. Vol. 129(4): 728-734.

Source: 2024 NCCRAHS Resource Brochure: www.cultivatesafety.org/resources

Not Just Injuries...

Illness & Health Issues









WELCOME TO AGINJURYNEWS

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Child agricultural injuries – data sources www.aginjurynews.org/

We continue to see new and innovative uses of this growing dataset by many audiences beyond acedemia

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The best public site I've ever seen with this type of data, better than any internal database too, for that matter. *Regional Data Specialist, Bureau of Labor*

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Amish teen killed when buggy rear-ended by SUV

17 y/o male fatally injured after the horse-drawn buggy he was riding in was rear-ended by an SUV, causing him to be ejected.

♀ Georgetown, New York, USA 🛛 🗮 11/10/2020 🛛 👤 Victims: 1

Pownal ATV-dirt bike accident injures youth

8 y/o and 12 y/o males both non-fatally injured when operating an ATV and a dirt bike in a field and the ATV (operated by the 8 y/o) struck a rock then collided with the dirt bike (operated by 12 y/o)...

Pownal, Vermont, USA 11/07/2020 Licitims: 2

Man in critical condition after tractor accident / Un homme dans un état critique après un accident ...

60 y/o male non fatally injured when his tractor rolled over in a ditch. His granddaughter, who was riding as a passenger, was minorly injured.

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♀ Saint-Henri-de-Lévis, Quebec, Canada   🖩 11/07/2020 🛛 👤 Victims: 2
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Farm accident ends the short life of 'cool kid' from Illinois

13 y/o male fatally injured when helping to guide a reversing tractor with attached cultivator into a shed and one of the metal shanks pierced him in the back of the head.

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♀ Toulon, Illinois, USA 🛛 🚞 11/03/2020 🛛 👤 Victims: 1
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4-year-old dies in farming accident in Lancaster County, coroner says

4 y/o female fatally injured when she fell off a wagon being pulled by a tractor and was run over.

🗐 ♀ Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA 🛛 🚞 10/19/2020 🛛 👤 Victims: 1

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Youth Working in Agriculture

- Able to work at younger ages and in more hazardous jobs
- Developing bodies → coordination, balance, reach
- Developing brains → attention span, impulse control,
 decision making
- Fatigue
- Distracted behaviors



Teen Characteristics Affect Safety

- Impulsive behaviors
- Risk taking attitudes
- Desire to prove themselves
- Susceptible to peer pressure
- Reluctant to ask questions
- Lack experience

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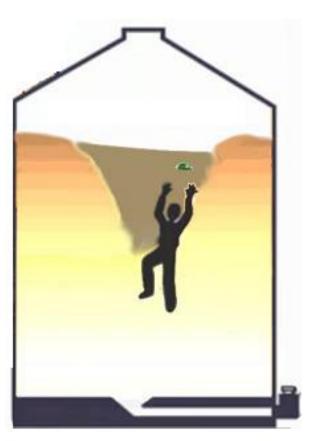
Grain Entrapment Case Study



Key Definitions:

Engulfment

Any case in which a person is buried in grain to the point that their airways are under the grain mass.





Grain Entrapment

Any case in which a person is stuck in a grain mass.

If contrasting with engulfment, then entrapment is limited to cases in which the persons airways is not under the grain mass.

Flowing Grain Entrapment

Occurs when an individual is trapped into a flowing column of grain. NEVER "walk down" grain!

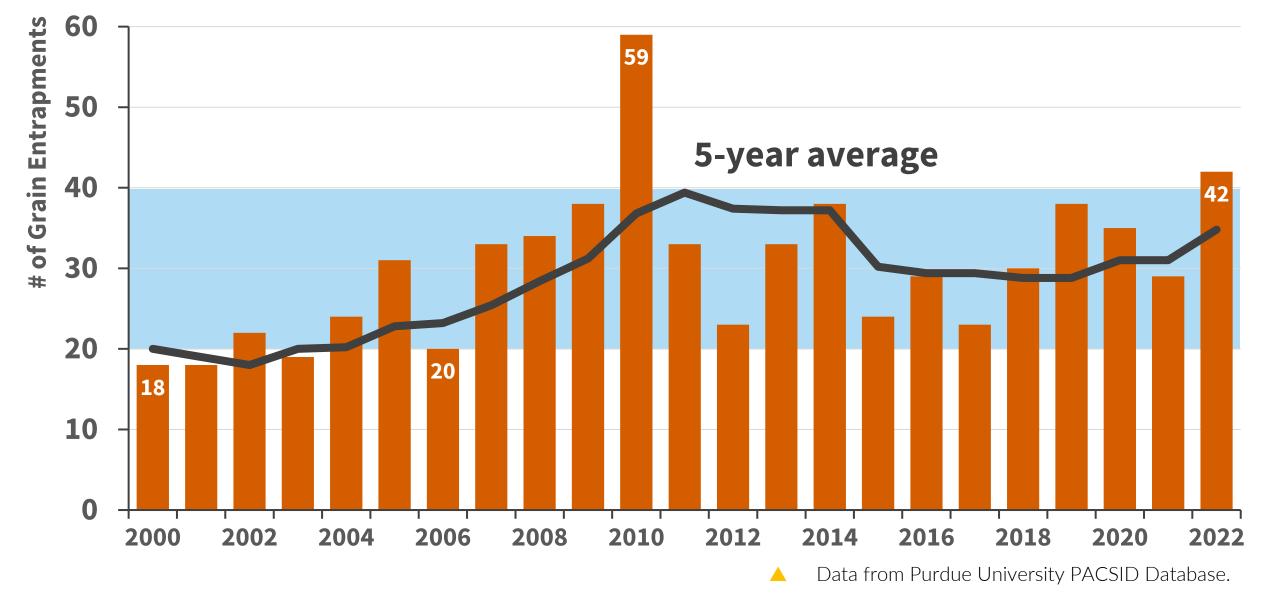


Image courtesy of Grain Handling Safety Council: Grain Bin Entry





Number of Cases...





• Mount Carroll, IL

- Four boys 14, 14, 19 & 20 sent to remove crusted grain in grain bin
- Three of the workers were entrapped in grain
 - Two were engulfed and suffocated
 - Third was rescued after
 6-hour rescue attempt
- \$16 million awarded to families
- Led to formation of Grain Handling Safety Coalition

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https://www.npr.org/2013/03/26/174828849/fines-slashed-in-grain-bin-entrapment-deaths

Youth Entrapment Cases

- >1,100 grain storage cases reported
- Youth represent 28% where age is known
- Majority of the cases documented are fatal (77%)
- Youngest individual was 2-year-old

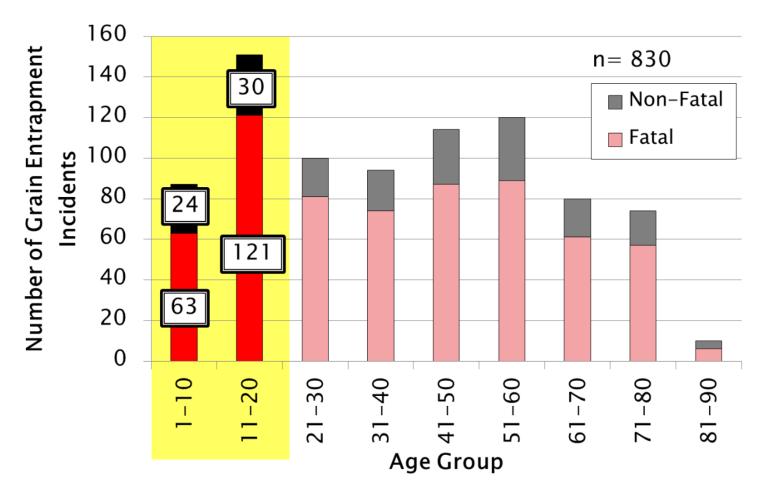
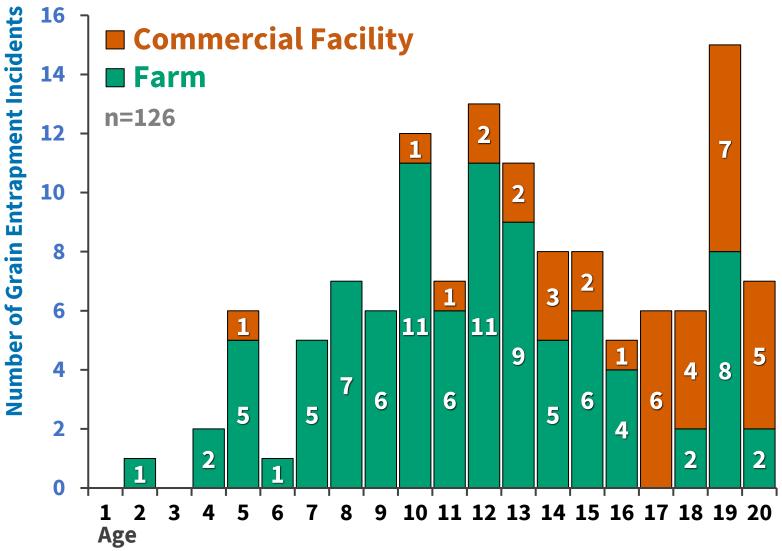


Image courtesy of Purdue University: Against the Grain: Unit 3

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Grain Entrapment by Age

- Incidents peak between ages 10-13 and then again after age 18.
- Incidents are not just work related.
- An Indiana fourth-grader
 - Was playing in a pile of cornmeal.
 - A 10 ft pile collapsed on him and suffocated him.



Ref: Summarization of Injury and Fatality Factors Involving Children and Youth in Grain Storage and Handling Incidents. Published in *J. Agric. Safety and Health* 22(1): 13-32 (doi: 10.13031/jash.22.10954). Copyright 2016 American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

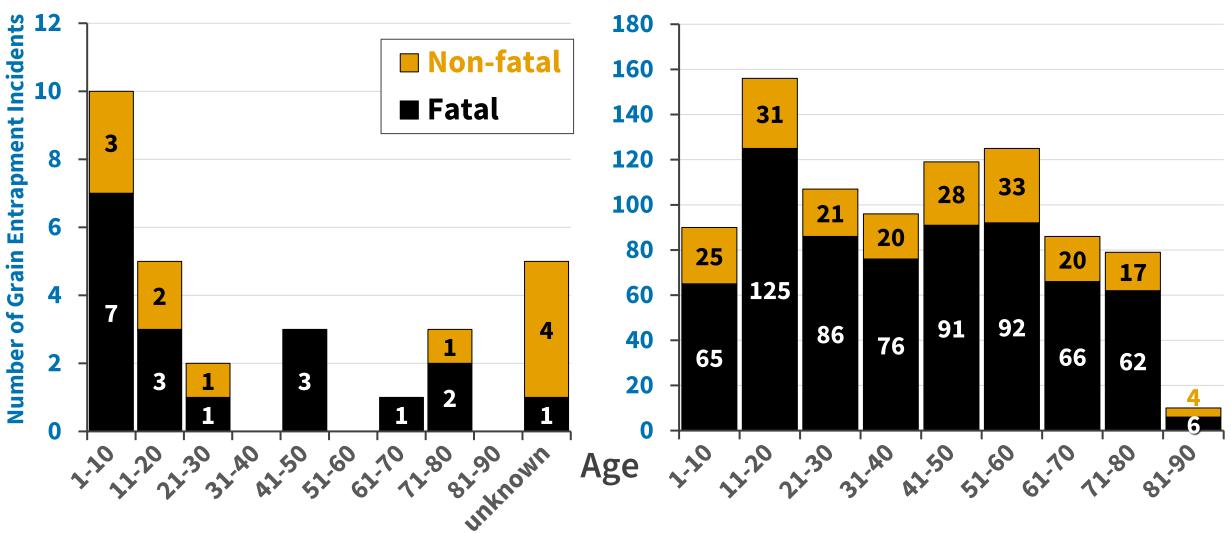
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Grain Entrapment Incidents: Females vs Males

Female Incidents: n=29

Overall Incidents: n=868

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Grain Wagon Death

Three young girls ages 11, 11, and 13

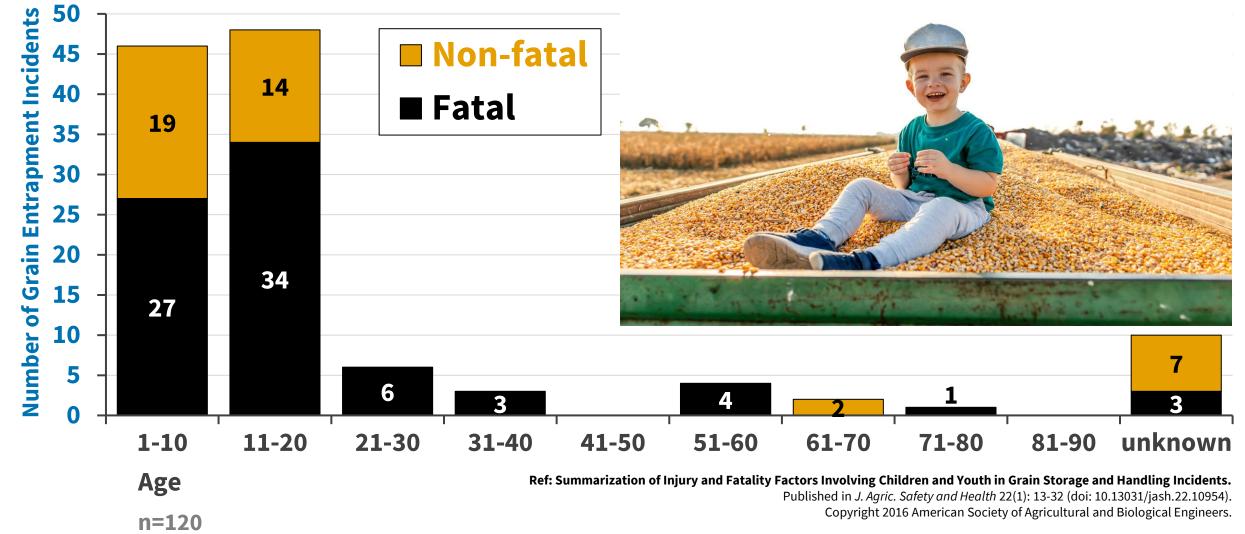
- Canada

- Playing in canola seeds on a grain truck
- Became trapped
- Suffocated

Source: Independent.co.uk

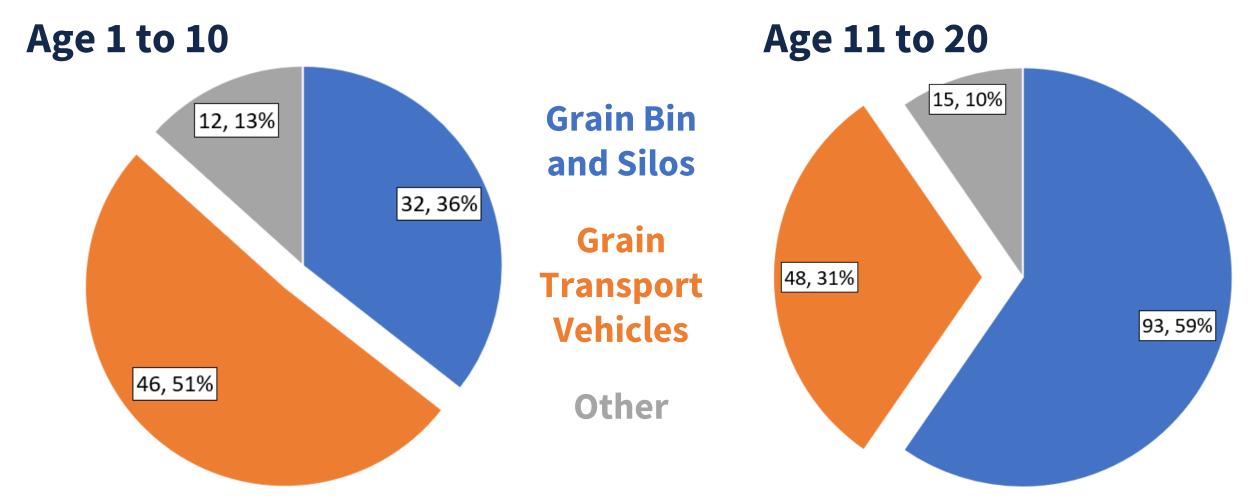


Grain Entrapment Incidents Grain Transport Vehicles (GTV)



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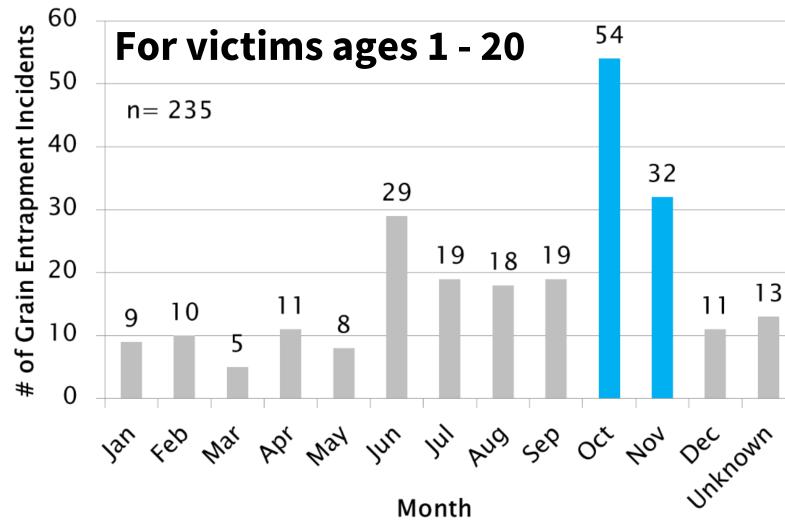
Grain Entrapment Incidents Injury Distribution



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Grain Entrapment Incidents Injuries by Month

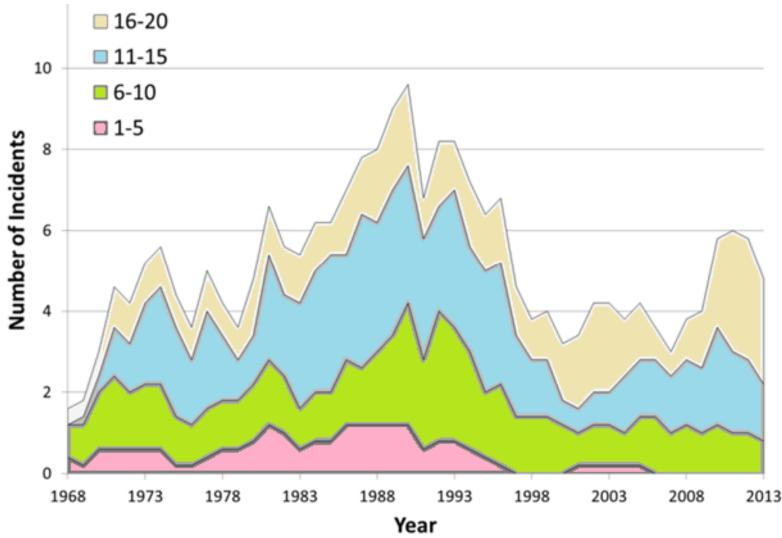




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Grain Entrapment Incidents Over time by age group



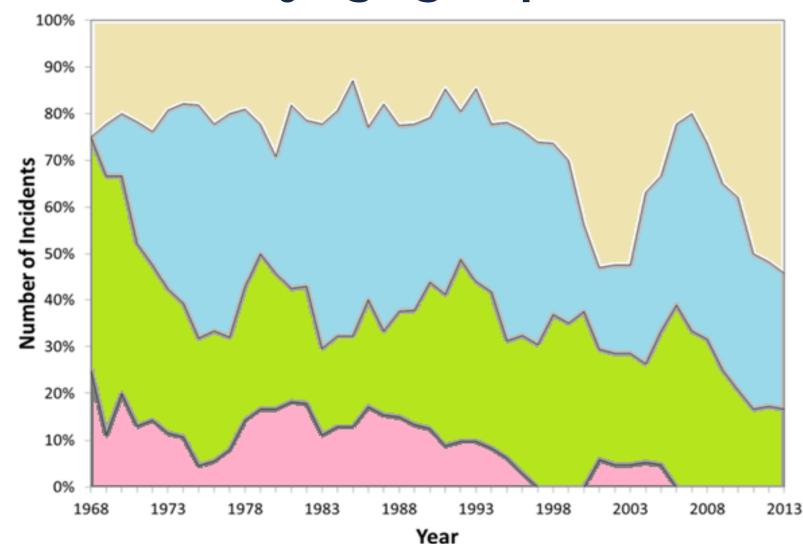


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Advantages of Growing Up on a Farm

- Responsibility / Work Ethic
- Independence
- Skills
- Initiative
- Problem solving
- Work/Bond with family and friends
- Understanding life/food cycles



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Protection from atopic asthma (hygiene hypothesis)
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Elimination

Substitution

How can we make farms safer?

Engineering Controls

Administrative Controls

PPE

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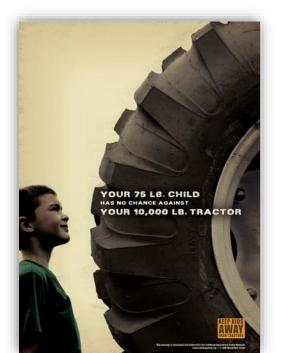
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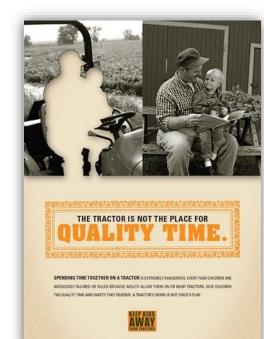
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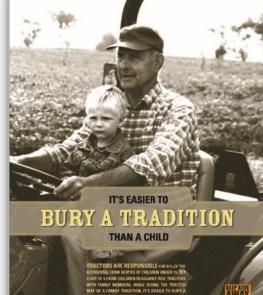


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- Bury a Tradition
- Quality Time
- 75 lb. Child







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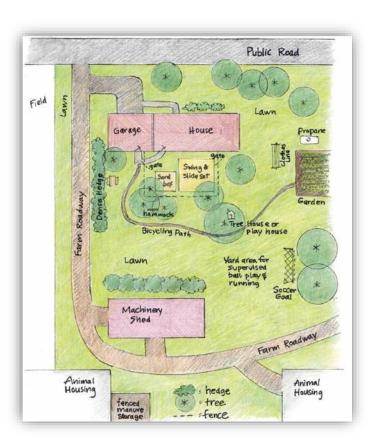
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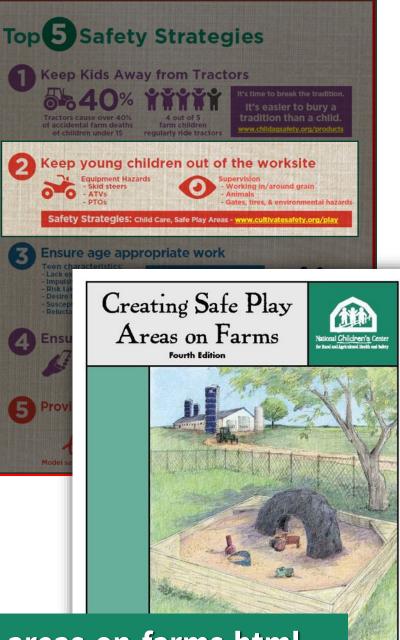
Child Care

Safe Play Areas

- Fenced
- Ground cover
- Supervision
- Age-appropriate equipment
- Play ideas







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Administrative



Assign only tasks that match a worker's abilities



Can youth do this job safely?

- Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:
- Reach and operate controls while wearing a seatbelt
- Strength to repeatedly operate controls
- · Tall enough for good field of vision when seated on tractor
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
 Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond
 appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- · Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link



Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth

must be 16+ years to drive an articulated tractor. See Tractor

Intermittent supervision progressing to

Adult Responsibilities

Supervision

14-15 yrs

16+ vrs

- Ensure tractor is mechanically sound and safety features are in place, including ROPS
- Review <u>developmental guidelines</u> to verify youth's ability to operate tractor
- Demonstrate how to safely drive tractor
- Provide appropriate training
- Educate youth to mount tractor using 3 points of contact
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- · Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure youth does not operate tractor after dark/in bad weather
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Hazards

Protective Strategies

Operations Chart for guidance.

periodic

Periodic supervision





CultivateSafety.org/AYWG

Home	Work	Play	"Accidents"	Resources	Safety Tools	Safety Network (CASN)	
Home / Work / Guideline Search							

Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines

More youth die working in agriculture than in all other industries combined. Many of the injuries and fatalities experienced by youth working in agriculture are associated with youth doing work that does not match their developmental abilities. The Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (AYWG) are designed to help adults assess a youth's abilities to safely perform a task and assign age and ability-appropriate tasks to youth working in agriculture, helping to prevent injuries and fatalities.

Each guideline includes a list of what a youth must be able to do in order to perform the task safely, adult responsibilities and guidance for supervising youth, as well as common hazards and protective strategies. These guidelines can also be used by supervisors and youth when discussing how to safely perform a task, for in-person training and/or as posters to remind employers, supervisors, and workers of the importance of staying safe. Activities and curriculum related to the AYWG will be available in the near future.

Using AYWG and HAYWG Together

For hired youth, use the Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (AYWG) in tandem with the Hired Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines (HAYWG). HAYWG are designed to help educate farm employers and supervisors on topics pertinent to hired youth, including guidance for training and supervising young workers, information on federal child labor regulations, access to state child labor laws, and guidance on supervising common tasks. Visit the hired youth page to access HAYWG.

Webpage Features

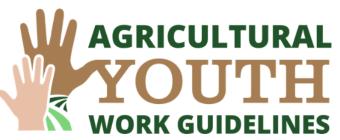
- Search for guidelines by using the filters on the left to find what you need.
- Interact by answering questions to determine if the task is safe to perform.
- Read the guideline as a standard web page.
- View or Print posters by choosing an available color scheme you desire.

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Media Kit

Before Assigning Work

- Assess the worker's ability to perform the task, regardless of their age
- Assessment includes, but is not limited to
 - physical and cognitive abilities
 - experience with similar or precursor tasks
 - successful demonstration of current task 4-5 times under supervision
- Supervisors must also provide training, supervision and enforce policies



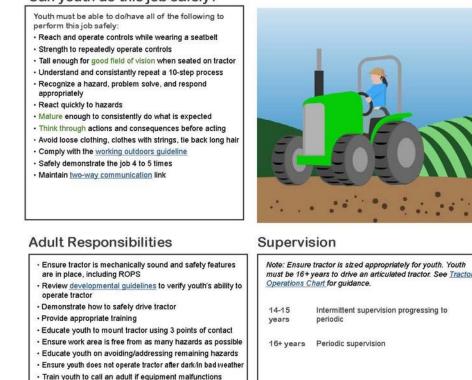
- Used by supervisors/parents
- Assign tasks based on ability
- Three Languages
- Mobile friendly website
 - Interactive
 - Read <u>CultivateSafety.org/AYWG</u>
 - Download

- Print or View

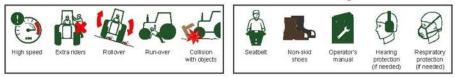
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Operating a Tractor

Can youth do this job safely?



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Protective Strategies



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Assess Ability to Perform Work Safely

Operating a Tractor

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Parent/Supervisor/Employer

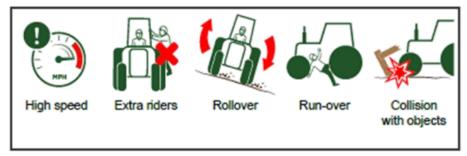
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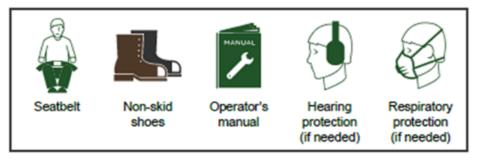
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Hazards



Protective Strategies



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Engineering, Administrative, PPE





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Safer Farm		

Collision Seatbel Operator's Hearing Run-over with object manual protection (if needed) Loultivate SAFET

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Respiratory

protection (if needed)

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Safety Videos & Fact Sheet

- Bending
- Lifting
- Climbing

Protecting Young Workers in Agriculture: A Training for Supervisors, Parents, and Teachers

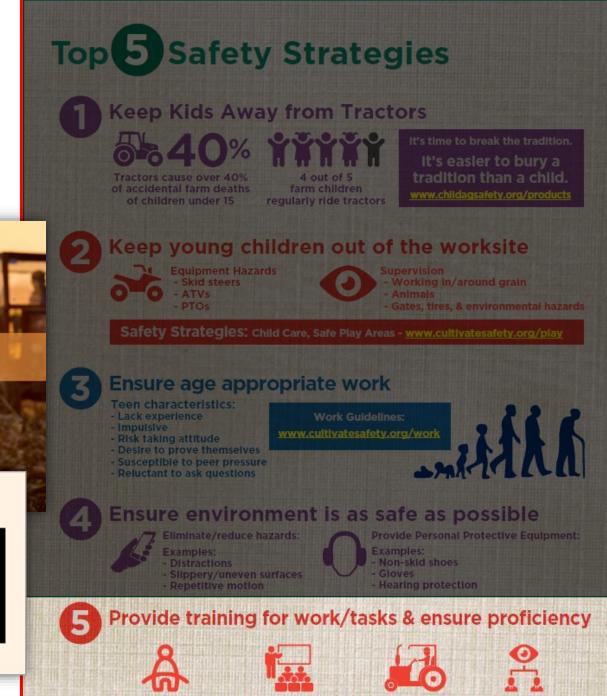
Bending Safety





Climbing Safety





Train youth to do Job Practice until proficient

Supervise

Model safe behaviors

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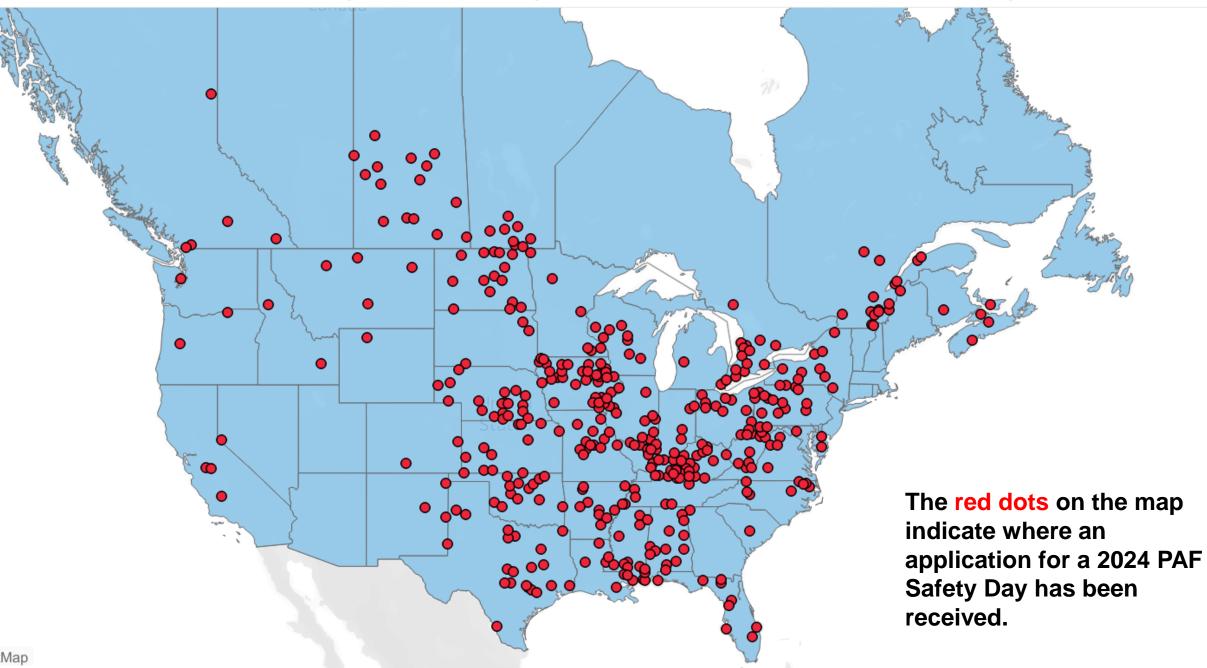
- Conduct programs in communities and schools.
- Serve over 45 states and territories.
- Conduct youth trainings on
 - Animal
 - ATV/UTV
 - Chemical
 - Grain

- Tractor
- And much more

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DELIVERY MODES



School-Based

- Most popular and offered year-round
- Reaching specific grade(s)
- One school or multiple schools

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 Often recurring, schoolrecognized event or field trip



Community-Based

- Reach a variety of ages (sometimes the entire family)
- Offered in the summer or weekend (often in conjunction with another event)



Classroom-Based

• Focused on "in-classroom" learning activities





NEW

Safety Zone

- Alternative to a traditional Safety Day
- Offered in conjunction with other events
- Should take place in a contained, designated area or zone
- Stations are offered in condensed segments and families can come and go as they please



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Youth Labor Laws in the US Fair Labor Standards Act

- Minimum age of employment
- During school hours
- Type of work (hazardous/non-hazardous)
 - Need to be ≥ 18 for hazardous work
- Number of hours
- Agriculture is often exempt from U.S. regulations regarding youth labor laws



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U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

Child Labor Bulletin 102

Agricultural Occupations Under

Child Labor Requirements in

the Fair Labor Standards Act

WH1295 (Revised 11/16) www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/childlabor102.pdf

Non-Agriculture Non-Family	Agriculture Non-Family	Agriculture Family
< 12 Limited work, outside of school, restricted hours	<12 Nonhazardous work (parents consent) on small farms, outside of school, unlimited hours	< 12 Any work, any time, unlimited hours
12-13 Limited work, outside of school, restricted hours	12-13 Nonhazardous work (parents consent), outside of school, unlimited hours	12-13 Any work, any time, unlimited hours
14-15 Nonhazardous work, outside of school, restricted hours	14-15 If complete training → tractors/machinery, outside of school, unlimited hours	14-15 Any work, any time, unlimited hours
16-17 Nonhazardous work, outside of school, unlimited hours	<pre>16-17 Any work, outside of school, unlimited hours</pre>	16-17 Any work, any time, unlimited hours

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What specific tasks are prohibited by the HOOA for youth under 16? 8. Working inside toxic atmospheres or confi

(3)

1. Operating tractors over 20 PTO hp.

11.Transporting, transferring, or applying anhydrous ammonia

3. Operating specialized powered machines

5. Working in wood lots with logs over 6 inches in diameter 8. Working inside toxic atmospheres or confined spaces (silos, grain bins, manure pits, tanks, fruit storage)

10.Handling or using a blasting agent (explosive)

- 2. Operating PTO-operated machinery
 - 9. Handling or applying restricted use chemicals
 - 4. Working with breeding livestock including bulls, boars, and stallions
 - 7. Operating a vehicle to transport passengers or riding on a tractor as a passenger
- Source: Gearing Up for Safety: Gearing Up for safety (purdue.edu)

6. Working on ladders and scaffolds at

heights over 20 feet

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Exceptions and Limitations for HOOA

- Youth ages 14 and 15 can get exemptions to restrictions regarding tractors and farm equipment
 - Provided they take trainings and get certified (usually managed by 4H, Extension program or a high school vocational program)
- All family farm operations are exempted
- Student learners exempted if hazardous activity was related to their training and in short duration.
 - Limited to tractors, machinery, animals, logging, and climbing ladders/scaffolding



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