

# 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 has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- 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:**  
**CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.

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

## Remember



Respirator as needed



Hearing protection



Tight-fitting clothes