



FARM SAFETY CHECK

COVID-19 FRIENDLY

Safety for Working Youth

Children, teens, and adults working on farms face hazards not encountered in other jobs. Use these guidelines to determine if youth are ready to perform a job. Learn about hazards and keeping working youth safe. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

Adapted with permission from the [NCCRAHS Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist](#)

Working Youth			
Checklist Item	Yes	No	Corrected/Notes
Are youth assigned farm tasks or chores appropriate for their age and ability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
When a youth is working, is an adult providing adequate supervision, based on the youth's age/ability and the task?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does an adult train youth on how to do a task safely and demonstrate the task before having them attempt it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do youth demonstrate safely performing a task 4-5 times before they are allowed to perform the task on their own?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are youth encouraged to ask questions when unsure about how to perform a task or address a hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does an adult check the work area, ensure it is free from as many hazards as possible, and teach youth how to avoid/address any remaining hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has the youth been taught safety strategies specific to COVID-19, including physical distancing, washing hands often while using soap and water, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, and wearing gloves, cloth face masks (respirators when appropriate), and eye protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do youth wear appropriate protective equipment (gloves, hearing/eye protection, masks, etc.) when working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does an adult ensure that ventilation systems are working properly and work areas are well ventilated before youth enter the building/area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does an adult verify equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place (e.g. guards, shields, ROPS)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If working with animals, does an adult ensure the animals are free of disease/injury and keep youth away from unpredictable or dangerous animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are youth dressed appropriately to be working in the farm worksite (no loose clothing or clothes with strings, non-skid shoes/boots, hair tied back, face mask, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are youth trained to recognize the signs of heat exhaustion and/or hypothermia and how to respond?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is drinking water available near the work area with a designated water bottle per person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the bathroom and handwashing facilities near the work area? Are they cleaned and disinfected often throughout the day?			
Are frequent rest and stretch breaks provided for youth, and the youth trained to drink adequate amounts of water during their breaks (e.g. 1 quart per hour when working in hot conditions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are youth at least 16 years old who perform tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involving dangerous or unpredictable animals (e.g. bull, boar, stud horse, sow w/ suckling pigs)? • involving working from a ladder or scaffolding at higher heights? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are exceptionally dangerous tasks reserved for adults to perform (working in a manure pit, around flowing grain, with a chainsaw, with pesticides/dangerous chemicals, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are youth trained to wash their hands, change their clothing, wash cloth face masks, and sanitize their PPE when finished working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ___/___/___

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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