



# AGRICULTURAL YOUTH WORK GUIDELINES

Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines, formerly known as the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT), are designed to assist parents and supervisors in assigning age-appropriate work for youth who work on farms and ranches.

These updated guidelines are based on the latest scientific research, including child growth and development, agricultural practices, child injury prevention and agricultural safety. These guidelines are digitally accessible, culturally relevant, available in 3 languages and proven to reduce injuries. Information is also available on the benefits of farm work for youth, supervision, child development, and more.



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## WORKING YOUTH

- Work is good for youth, teaching work skills and responsibilities
- Farms and ranches possess features (e.g., plants, animals, family) beneficial to youth
- Farms and ranches also contain dangerous worksites
- Assigning youth age-appropriate work allows them to reap the benefits of farm life while minimizing risk

## INJURIES

- Since 2001, non-fatal injuries to farm youth have steadily fallen
- Every 3 days, a youth dies in a agricultural incident
- Since 2009, more youth have died working in agriculture than all other industries combined
- Injuries/deaths are often associated with youth doing work that doesn't match their abilities

## WORKING SAFELY

Visit [CultivateSafety.org/work](https://CultivateSafety.org/work)

- Use the guidelines to determine if a youth can perform a job safely
- Learn about the hazards and protective strategies
- Find the right level of supervision needed

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