Horses and Trailed Implements
(hitch/unhitch and fieldwork)

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- Comply with the fieldwork with an implement working with large animals and working outdoors guidelines
- Good peripheral vision
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Mature enough to consistently do what is expected
- Think through actions and consequences before acting
- Lift object, using proper lifting technique
- Strength to control horse and equipment without overreaching
- Ensure there are no extra riders or passengers
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link
- Change outer clothing and wash hands after job



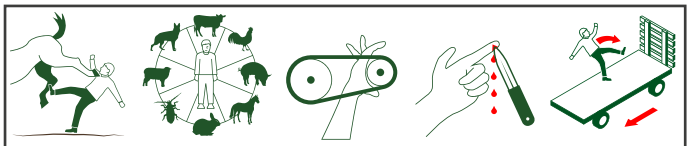
Adult Responsibilities

- Ensure youth does not perform task after dark/in bad weather
- Ensure second person is available to hold animal while hitching
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and safety features are in place
- Ensure seat is padded and properly supported
- Ensure work area is as free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure animals are free of disease/injury and properly trained
- Fit youth for respirator if needed and demonstrate proper use
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate how to safely work with large animals

Supervision

14-15 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision

Hazards



Protective Strategies





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