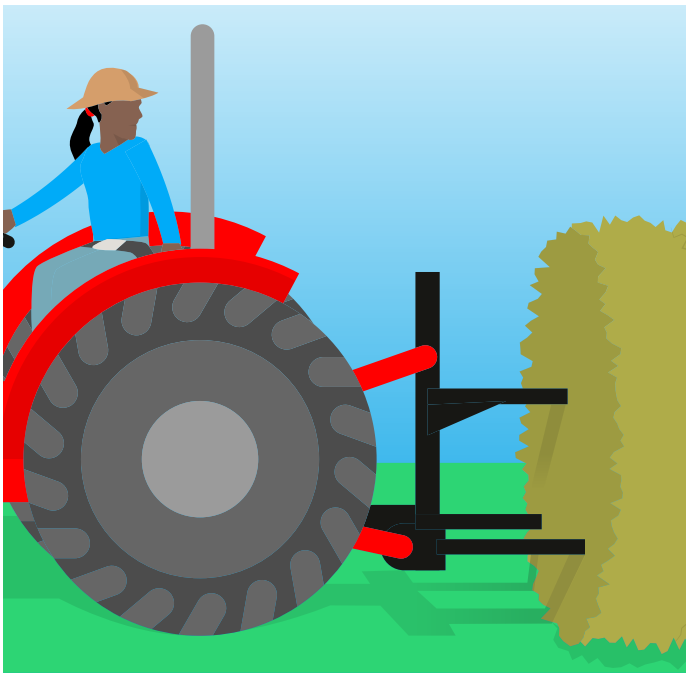
Moving Large Round Bales (with a 3-point hitch)

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
- Read, understand, and follow the operator's manual
- Safely drive a tractor
- Operate the tractor during daylight, under dry conditions and on level ground
- Safely connect/disconnect an implement, PTO and hydraulics
- Good peripheral vision
- Stay focused on a task up to 50 minutes
- Check for/avoid people and obstacles in the worksite
- 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
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound with all safety features in place
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate how to safely move large round bales with a 3-point hitch
- Fit youth for a respirator and demonstrate proper use
- Educate youth to call adult in event of equipment malfunction

Supervision

Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth must be 16+ years to drive an articulated tractor. See Tractor Operations Chart for guidance.

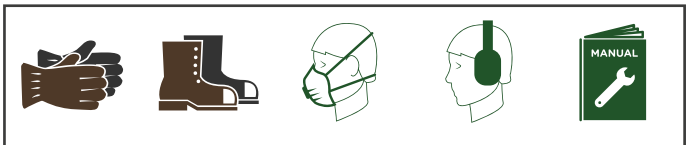
14-15 yrs	Nearly constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Rollover | Collision | Extra riders | High speed | Run-over

Protective Strategies



Gloves | Non-skid shoes | Respirator (if needed) | Hearing protection (if needed) | Operator's manual



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