Using Farmstead Equipment
(silo unloader, bunk feeder, grain auger, conveyor)

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
- Ensure there are no extra people in the work area
- Walk through area and identify obstacles to eliminate/avoid
- 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
- Good peripheral vision
- Stay focused on a task for up to 50 minutes
- Understand and consistently repeat a 5 step process
- Reach and operate controls from a balanced, standing position
- Lift objects, using proper lifting technique
- Strength to maneuver cart without straining or hitting obstacles
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link
- Change clothing and wash hands after completing job



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- Verify ventilation system is working properly
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound with safety features in place, and demonstrate proper use
- Verify the absence of extra people in the work area
- Ensure youth is aware of and able to avoid obstacles
- Fit youth for a respirator and demonstrate proper use, if needed
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide appropriate training
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

12-13 yrs	Constant supervision
14-15 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
16+ yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Electricity | Animal contact | Entanglement | Pinch or crush point | Obstacles - collision or pinning

Protective Strategies



Non-skid shoes | Gloves | Eye protection (if needed) | Hearing protection (if needed) | Respirator (if needed)

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