



Facing Silage from a Bunker

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 [operate a tractor](#) and [use a front end loader](#)
- Check for/avoid people and obstacles in the worksite
- Have a second person (observer) present and know where they are at all times
- **Good hand-eye coordination**
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- Stay focused on a task up to 50 minutes
- **Mature** enough to consistently do what is expected
- **Think through** actions and consequences before acting
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Call an adult if equipment malfunctions
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link



Adult Responsibilities

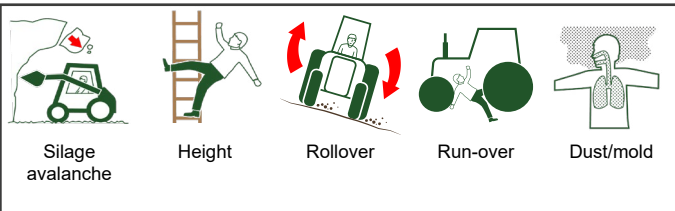
- Comply with [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Ensure equipment is mechanically sound and **safety features** are in place
- Ensure trained observer is present, who never stands closer than 3 times height of pile
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- [Fit youth for respirator](#) and demonstrate proper use
- Demonstrate how to safely face silage
- Provide appropriate training
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

Note: Ensure tractor is sized appropriately for youth. Youth must be 16+ years to operate a front end loader on a tractor over 20hp. See [Tractor Operations Chart](#) for guidance.

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

Hazards



Protective Strategies

