

# Cleaning calf pens/hutches

## 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
- · Use farmstead equipment safely
- · Interact safely with calves and is comfortable around them
- Reach and operate barn cleaner controls from a balanced, standing position
- Lift object using proper lifting technique
- Bend using proper bending technique
- · Easily push up to 25% of body weight
- · Carry load the required distance without straining
- · Limit weight of objects lifted to less than 25% of body weight
- · Strength to control calves or heifers
- · Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- · React quickly to hazards
- · With an adult, establish an escape route/plan
- · Safely demonstrate job 4 to 5 times
- · Change clothing and wash hands after finishing job



## **Adult Responsibilities**

- · Comply with working outdoors guideline
- Verify ventilation system is working properly before youth enters a closed building
- Verify all guards are in place on barn cleaner system
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Fit youth with a respirator and demonstrate proper use
- · Confirm animals are free of diseases and injuries
- Check tools are properly sized to the youth
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate how to clean a calf pen/hutch safely

#### Supervision

12-13 yrs Constant supervision

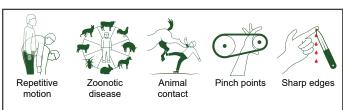
**14-15 yrs** Constant supervision progressing to

intermittent

**16+ yrs** Intermittent supervision progressing to

periodic

## **Hazards**



## **Protective Strategies**



