



Unloading Grain and Silage

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
- Check for/avoid people and obstacles in the worksite
- **Good peripheral vision**
- Bend, lift objects, and climb safely using [proper technique](#)
- Mount and dismount tractor using 3 points of contact
- Operate auger motor and gravity box chute without excessive strain
- Understand and consistently repeat a 10-step process
- Recognize hazards, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Understand dangers of flowing grain
- **Think through** actions and consequences before acting
- **Mature** enough to consistently do what is expected
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain [two-way communication](#) link



Adult Responsibilities

- Comply with the [working outdoors guideline](#)
- Ensure equipment is **mechanically sound** and **safety features** are in place
- Ensure work area is free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Ensure weight lifted is less than 25% of youth's body weight
- Demonstrate how to safely unload grain and silage
- Provide appropriate training
- Educate youth on how and when to use fall arrest equipment
- [Fit youth for a respirator](#) and demonstrate proper use
- Train youth to call an adult if equipment malfunctions

Supervision

14-15 yrs Nearly constant supervision progressing to intermittent

16+ yrs Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic

Hazards



Protective Strategies

