

# Farmstead equipment

barn cleaner, silo unloader, bunk feeder, auger

## Adult responsibilities

### ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Ventilation system is working before child enters a closed building
- All safety features are in place
- Work area has no hazards
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it
- Long hair is tied up



## Can your child do this job?

### Main Hazards



Dust, mold and organic particles can cause breathing problems



Contact with machine parts can cause electric shock



Moving parts can entangle fingers, hands, hair and clothing

### ABILITY

Can the child reach and operate all controls from a balanced, standing position?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't reach the controls are more likely to be injured.

Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-step process?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't remember the steps to a job are more likely to be injured.

Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.

### TRAINING

Has an adult demonstrated operating farmstead equipment on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

### SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

### Remember



Respirator as needed



Non-skid shoes



Tight-fitting clothing

## Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

**Age 12-13:**  
**WATCH** constantly.

**Age 14-15:**  
**WATCH** nearly constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

**Age 16+:**  
**CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** the child to do the job.