



Parental/Guardian Consent Form

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The GEARING UP FOR SAFETY – Production Agriculture Safety Training for Youth Program is especially designed to meet the current safety training requirements contained in the Federal Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture (HOOAs). The provisions of the HOOAs require that youth ages 14-15 who are seeking employment on farms or ranches that are operated by persons other than their parent or guardian, have certification of training prior to operation of agricultural tractors over 20 PTO horsepower or work with other machines considered particularly hazardous.

Completion of the GEARING UP FOR SAFETY training does not guarantee the safety of your child when performing farm or ranch-related work. Knowing the safe way to complete a task or recognizing a hazard does not mean that the safest practice will always be selected or the hazard avoided. The information presented in the training cannot be substituted for ongoing supervision, instruction, correction, evaluation, and an employer's commitment to providing a safe and healthy workplace.

As part of the GEARING UP FOR SAFETY training, your child will be involved in classroom instruction and independent study activities that will teach him or her about common agricultural workplace hazards and safe work practices. In addition, he or she will learn to conduct a pre-operational safety inspection of typical agricultural tractors and be observed operating a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower through a standard obstacle course. Even though all activities are closely supervised, there is always the potential for injury when operating or being in proximity to operating machinery.

As the parent or guardian you are in the best position to determine whether or not your child has the physical, intellectual and emotional maturity to begin completing agricultural-related tasks that may be potentially hazardous.

You are asked to confirm through your signature at the bottom of this form that the above named child has met the following prerequisites and that you believe that he or she is physically, intellectually, and emotionally prepared to receive training on the safe operation of agricultural tractors and machinery.

Under the present federal regulations, youth seeking to receive certification of training through this training program must meet the following prerequisites:

1. student is enrolled in HOOAs training under Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Education, or the Student Learner Program, and
2. student has reached the age of 14, and
3. student is familiar with the normal working hazards in agriculture.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date