



## Sample News Release for Promotion of Program

The \_\_\_\_\_ (sponsoring organization) \_\_\_\_\_ will be hosting a series of training classes for youth considering employment on local farms and ranches. Federal law, under the Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture, requires that youth under the age of 16 have certification of training prior to employment on farms operated by anyone other than a parent or guardian. Only youth ages 14-15 are eligible for certification.

Classes will cover the basics of safe tractor and machinery operation, general farm hazards, use of personal protective equipment, and basic first-aid and first-response procedures. Participants, in order to be certified, must complete and pass a written exam and demonstrate their ability to conduct a pre-operational safety inspection of a tractor and to operate a tractor and two-wheel trailer through an obstacle course. To comply with the federal requirements, the classes will involve approximately 24 hours of instruction. Approximately half of the required hours of instructions can be fulfilled using a computer-based interactive program that allows for independent study.

Participants should have access to an agricultural tractor for out-side-of-class supervised instruction and be familiar with the basic hazards associated with agricultural production.

Classes will begin on \_\_\_\_\_ (date and time) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (location) \_\_\_\_\_ and be held on the following dates  
\_\_\_\_\_ (listing of class dates) \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information on the classes and enrollment forms, contact \_\_\_\_\_ (contact information) \_\_\_\_\_.