## LESSON 15: General Farm and Ranch Hazards / COMPETENCIES

- 15.1 Identify the following general farm tasks that have been identified by the Hazardous Occupation Order in Agriculture (HOOA) to be too hazardous for youth under 16 years of age.
  - Operating a tractor with a PTO hp of over 20
  - Working with breeding livestock (bull, boar, stud horse, sow, cow with newborn calf)
  - Working in wood lots (timber with butt diameter over 6 inches)
  - Working on ladders or scaffolds at heights over 20 feet
  - Operating a vehicle to transport passengers
  - Riding on a tractor as passenger or helper
  - Working inside a structure with a toxic environment (silos, manure pits, fruit storage, grain bin)
  - Handling or applying agricultural chemicals
  - · Handling or using a blasting agent
  - Transporting, transferring, or applying anhydrous ammonia
  - Operating or assisting to operate specialized machinery
- 15.2 Describe at least five of the following hazards related to working with or around livestock.
  - Biting
  - Kicking
  - Goring
  - Trampling
  - Crushing
  - Zoonotic diseases
  - Respiratory hazards

- 15.3 Identify the following restrictions on youth under 16 years of age while working in a woodlot with timber over 6 inches in diameter:
  - · Operating a chainsaw
  - Felling
  - Bucking
  - Skidding
  - Loading
  - Unloading
- 15.4 Identify the types of personal protective equipment and clothing used or worn when operating a chain saw or working with timber.
- 15.5 Explain at least three of the following characteristics that cause slips and falls to be the leading causes of non-fatal injury in agricultural workplaces.
  - Tall structures
  - Tall equipment
  - Ladders
  - Bunk silos
  - Hay mows and hay holes
- 15.6 List the restrictions included in the Fair Labor Standards Act for youth operating motor vehicles.
- 15.7 Identify and describe each of the following confined spaces or structures with potentially toxic environments that may be present on a farm or ranch operation that youth under the age of 16 are prohibited from entering.
  - Environmentally controlled fruit storage
  - Silos
  - Manure pits
  - Bunk/horizontal silo
  - Bulk storage tanks

- 15.8 Explain the reason why youth under age 16 are not permitted to handle, mix, or apply agricultural pesticides.
- 15.9 Identify at least five of the following types of chemicals that may be present on a typical farm or ranch operation.
  - Fertilizers
  - Pesticides
  - Cleaners
  - Sanitizers
  - Solvents, oils, and lubricants
  - Paints
  - Pharmaceutical drugs (veterinary medicines)
  - Fuels
- 15.10 Identify and interpret the following key signal words used on agricultural chemical containers to warn of toxicity level.
  - Caution
  - Warning
  - Danger
  - Danger-Poison
- 15.11 Explain the reason why youth under age 16 are not permitted to handle blasting agents.
- 15.12 Identify each of the following hazards when using agricultural chemicals, including anhydrous ammonia.
  - Eye injury
  - Freeze burns
  - Respiratory damage
  - Asphyxiation
  - Death

## 15.13 Identify specific or geographic hazards that might be associated with farms or ranches, including:

- Overhead and buried utilities
- · Poisonous insects
- Poisonous snakes
- · Wild animals
- Drainage and irrigation canals, ditches, and streams
- Farm ponds/lagoons
- · Frequent lightning
- · Hills and holes
- Rough terrain
- Weather and temperature extremes
- Boulders
- 15.14 Identify the following types of powered tools used to maintain farms and ranches and explain their potential hazards.
  - Lawn mowers
  - Post-hole diggers
  - High-pressure washers
  - Chain saws
  - Generators
  - Log splitters
  - Hedge trimmers