

Tractor operation chart

CHILDREN SHOULD ONLY OPERATE WIDE-FRONT TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH ROPS AND SEATBELTS. An adult should ensure that the child can



reach all controls while wearing a seatbelt, that a pre-operations service check has been completed, and that no extra riders are allowed on the tractor.

This guideline assumes that the child will be operating the tractor in daylight, under dry conditions, while not on a steep slope and with reasonable distance from ditches, trees and fences.



Refer to the specific guideline for recommended supervision

Size of tractor

Increased complexity of job

	LAWN & GARDEN less than 20hp	SMALL 20hp to 70hp	MEDIUM/LARGE more than 70hp	ARTICULATED
OPERATING A FARM TRACTOR (no equipment attached)	12-13 years	12-13 years	14-15 years	16+ years
TRAILED IMPLEMENTS fieldwork	12-13 years	12-13 years	14-15 years	16+ years
3-POINT IMPLEMENTS fieldwork	12-13 years	14-15 years	14-15 years	16+ years
REMOTE HYDRAULICS fieldwork	14-15 years	14-15 years	14-15 years	16+ years
PTO-POWERED IMPLEMENTS fieldwork	14-15 years	14-15 years	14-15 years	16+ years
TRACTOR-MOUNTED FRONT-END LOADER	14-15 years	16+ years	16+ years	16+ years
WORKING IN AN ORCHARD	14-15 years	16+ years	16+ years	16+ years
WORKING INSIDE BUILDINGS	14-15 years	16+ years	16+ years	16+ years
DRIVING ON PUBLIC ROADS*	N/A	16+ years	16+ years	16+ years
PULLING OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT LOAD	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Due to increased hazard and complexity, these jobs should not be assigned to children.</p> </div>			
HITCHING TRACTOR TO MOVE STUCK OR IMMOVABLE OBJECTS				
SIMULTANEOUS USE OF MULTIPLE VEHICLES				
ADDITIONAL PERSONS WORKING ON A TRAILING IMPLEMENT				
PESTICIDE OR ANHYDROUS AMMONIA APPLICATION*				

* follow state/province laws