

## **4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered**

**Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2011 can take the course for certification.** Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. **The cost for this course is \$15.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> with the registration form that can be found on the website at [www.putknowledgetowork.com](http://www.putknowledgetowork.com) and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300.**

**Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member by Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> which is found on the above website and pay the \$5.00 4-H enrollment fee.**

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities

The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor. Equipment Operation This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least **24 hours of instruction.**

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**The schedule for the course is as follows:**

**There will also be three Sunday Sessions from 1-4 p.m. with the locations to be announced.** Two of the sessions will be for more hands on learning and the last session will be for the driving test.

**Monday, January 17**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building,

**Monday, January 24**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building.

**Monday, January 31**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Monday, February 7**

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Monday, February 14**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Monday, February 21**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Monday, February 28**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Monday, March 7 (written test)**

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Make up class Monday, March 14 (written test) if needed** if one of the above sessions end up being cancelled due to weather

7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

**Sunday March 6 or 13 TBA (driving test)** location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.