

## Youth tractor and machine safety certification

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The UW-Extension and Agriculture instructors from local schools are holding the 2016 Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program.

This program is for Wisconsin youth, 12-16 years of age, who plan on operating a farm tractor on public roadways or work near dangerous farm equipment.

After successful completion, students ages 14-16 will receive a certificate.

Without certification, Wisconsin law prohibits any youth under age 16 from operating a tractor (or self-propelled implement of husbandry) on public roads and Federal law prohibits youth from working near dangerous equipment on farms other than their parents. This course is essential in contributing to the safety of our youth in agriculture.

The tractor safety course will kick-off on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for youth to come with a parent and learn about the tractor safety program.

Parents may leave or are more than welcome to stay after the 45-minute class orientation.

The youth will then meet for the rest of the morning in addition to the Saturday mornings of Jan. 23, 2016, Jan. 30, 2016, Feb. 6, 2016, Feb. 13, 2016 and Feb. 20, 2016 from 8 a.m.-noon for instruction.

Students will complete a written exam on Feb. 20, 2016 as part of that morning's class.

In addition, the youth must pass a driving test which will be held on May 3, 2016 from 3:30-6 p.m.

Classroom instruction and the written exam will be held at the Jefferson County UW-Extension office and the driving exam will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Pre-registration for the course must be completed by Jan. 1, 2016. The fee is \$35 for those registered no later than Jan. 1, 2016 After that date the fee will be \$45.

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