

One of the most important programs I give is a hazardous occupation course for teenagers. Agriculture is a family- based business, and children are around dangerous situations from a very young age. One way to make a situation less dangerous is education, learning what the dangers may be and how to avoid putting yourself in a position that has a greater likelihood of getting hurt.

On May 16th from 6-8:30 pm and also May 18th from 8 am-5pm, Cottonwood Extension District in Great Bend will hold its annual Tractor Safety class for youth ages 13-18. This class is required for teens ages 14-16 that are planning to work on a farm other than their immediate relatives. It is encouraged for any youth that are going to be working around the farm or large machinery to also complete a tractor safety course. Farm accidents are the cause of 120,000 injuries a year and children are at a high danger when working on a farm or ranch. The 2-day course will cover the various risks that are on a farm as well as give young people the information they need to be safe when working. Cost is 15.00 and that covers the book, snacks and lunch on Saturday. Call the Extension office at 620-793-1910 to register for the class.

If you would like any more information about this opportunity for learning, please contact the Extension office for more information by calling 620-793-1910 or email me at aboor@ksu.edu.

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