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Tractor Safety Course

If your child operates farm machinery, especially a tractor, either at your farm or home – OR – if your child will be operating a tractor at another person's farm, your child may need a **Wisconsin Tractor and Machinery Certification**.

Federal law requires that youth under the age of 16 must be certified before being hired to work with tractors and tractor machinery. *State law mandates that any child under the age of 16 may not operate a farm tractor or self-propelled farm implement on a public highway unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery operation safety training course.* To be certified, youth must attend a Tractor Safety course. Youth must be 12 by July 21, 2009 to enroll in the course.

Bayfield County UW-Extension, Bayfield County Sheriff's Department, and Lulich Implement are offering a Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractors and Farm Machinery Certification Course beginning Tuesday, July 21. The course will be taught by certified instructors who are familiar with farm safety and equipment operation. The course schedule is enclosed. To receive certification, students must attend all classes and pass a written and driving exam.

The course will include classroom instruction, videos, safety demonstrations, maintenance and safety checks, and actual tractor operations. Students must be capable of safely operating a tractor and passing the driving exam, which includes backing a farm implement with a tractor.

Students are responsible for arranging transportation to all sessions.

To register, please complete the registration form and return it to the Bayfield County Extension Office. The cost is \$10 per student, which includes all materials. Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all sessions.

Sincerely,

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