

## **TRACTOR SAFETY AND OPERATOR SKILLS**

### **(State Fair Exhibit)**

**State Fair Entries:** 4 educational exhibits per county; one per level

3 junior and 3 senior driving contestants will qualify at the county level to compete at the area level contest. 3 junior and 3 senior driving contestants will qualify at the area level to compete at the state contest.

**General Exhibit Guidelines & References:** See page 47 for more information

**Manual Information:** See page 11 for more information

### **Overall Exhibit Guidelines:**

Youth may exhibit in the operator skills option, educational exhibit option or both. Youth choosing to exhibit in the lawn and garden tractor, tractor, or zero-turn mower operator skills driving option must select one but may be enrolled in all three projects.

#### **LEVEL A (grades 3-4 suggested):**

Create an educational poster, notebook, or display about any manual activity or on any tractor safety, maintenance, operating system, or operation topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

#### **LEVEL B (grades 5-6 suggested):**

Create an educational poster, notebook, or display about any manual activity or on any tractor safety, maintenance, operating system, or operation topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

#### **LEVEL C (grades 7-9 suggested):**

Create an educational poster, notebook, or display about any manual activity or on any tractor safety, maintenance, operating system, or operation topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate.

#### **LEVEL D (grades 10-12 suggested):**

Create an educational poster, notebook, or display about any manual activity or on any tractor safety, maintenance, operating system, or operation topic of choice that is age/grade appropriate. Youth can also design and complete an independent study activity.

### **Operator Skills Option**

The operator skills component is an educational and training activity conducted by adult 4-H volunteers. A parent or guardian is encouraged to be present when their child is operating a tractor. The adult 4-H volunteer has the authority to deny a child the opportunity to participate in the operator skills option when it is deemed a child is unable to safely operate a tractor due to size, weight, or any other reason that could place the child and/or others in harm.

#### **Junior (grades 3-7 suggested)**

Youth will demonstrate their operation skills by driving a tractor and wagon or trailer through an obstacle course as outlined in 4-H 84, Conducting 4-H Operator Safety Contests.

#### **Senior (grades 8-12 suggested)**

Youth will demonstrate their operation skills by driving a tractor and wagon or trailer through an obstacle course as outlined in 4-H 84, Conducting 4-H Operator Safety Contests.