

ZERO-TURN MOWER 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 zero-turn mower 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 zero-turn mower 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 zero-turn mower 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 zero-turn mower 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 zero-turn mower. 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 zero-turn mower 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 zero-turn mower through an obstacle course as outlined in 4-H 84, Conducting 4-H Operator Safety Contests.

Senior (grades 8-12 suggested)

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