

Zero-Turn Mower Safety & Operator Skills

(To enroll in the Tractor poster project, select one of the following project aliases in 4HOnline to exhibit a tractor poster and/or participate in the driving contest:

- **Lawn and Garden Tractor Safety and Operator Skills**
- **Tractor Safety and Operator Skills**
- **Zero Turn Mower Safety and Operator Skills**

Description:

The 4-H zero-turn mower and equipment program develops principles of engine operation, hydraulic systems, electrical systems, safe operation skills.

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.**

Exhibit Guidelines:

- All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.
- Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.
- 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.
- Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Educational Exhibit Option

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

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)

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.

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