

# NATIONAL SAFE TRACTOR & MACHINERY OPERATION PROGRAM (NSTMOP) IN NEBRASKA



## WHAT IS NSTMOP?

Federal law prohibits youth under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through NSTMOP grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment.

In Nebraska, the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) and Nebraska Extension collaborate to offer NSTMOP certification. Certification is earned by completing a two-day certification course, which includes a written test and a driving exam. Successful completion grants NSTMOP certification, allowing them to operate tractors and certain mechanized equipment on farms and ranches, and obtain a husbandry permit.




## LEARN MORE



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## WHO SHOULD COMPLETE NSTMOP?

Youth under 16 years of age must complete NSTMOP and receive certification in order to legally perform the following tasks as an employee:

- Operate tractors larger than 20 horsepower
- Connect and disconnect implements to tractors
- Operate large farm implements (such as combines, balers, and mixers)

Youth who receive certification can also complete the process to obtain a Farm Husbandry Permit.



## DOES MY OWN CHILD NEED A CERTIFICATION TO WORK ON OUR FAMILY FARM?

In Nebraska, there are no legal requirements for a child working on their family's own farm. However, we highly recommend that youth working on any farm get the NSTMOP certification so they have a strong understanding of safe tractor operation and other safety practices on the farm.



## WHO OFFERS THIS?

NSTMOP is brought to Nebraska annually through a collaboration between Nebraska Extension and the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health.

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) works with ag safety and health partners across the seven-state region of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and beyond to improve the health and safety of members of the agricultural community. CS-CASH is headquartered at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

## I WORK FOR NEBRASKA EXTENSION, AND THERE IS NO TRAINING IN MY AREA. HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

We are always looking to bring this training to more locations and more people! As an Extension educator, you can host a training. You would provide:

- An indoor classroom
- Space for the driving exam
- A tractor with all safety features in place
- Lunch and snacks (reimbursed)
- Advertising for the event

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