

# Farm safety for kids



## Parent's Corner

### Safety Tips

- 1 Consider hiring a babysitter or taking your child to a daycare during work hours.
- 2 Create a safe play area away from traffic and work areas.
- 3 Assign age-appropriate farm chores after proper training has been given.
- 4 Lock up chemicals and dispose of empty containers.
- 5 Supervise children according to their age.
- 6 Do not allow children to play on tractors or any farm machinery.
- 7 Make sure children wear helmets when riding horses.
- 8 Teach children to treat animals with respect and approach them with caution, especially animals with newborns who are very protective of their young.

Dear Parents:

As you already know, farming is one of the most important industries in the United States and in South Carolina. It plays a significant role in our country's economy and food supply. Farming is also one of the most dangerous working and living environments, especially for children.

Unfortunately, young children often view a farm as a playground and not as a worksite with potential dangers lurking about. Older children sometimes overestimate their capabilities both mentally and physically on the farm. Age plays an important role in determining whether a child has the knowledge or judgement to make decisions that keep them out of harm's way.

However, most accidents are preventable. In any case, it is the responsibility of parents and adult family members to set positive examples and to be good safety role models on the farm.

Please keep this in mind if children are present on your farm. It just may prevent injury to or save the life of someone you know and love.

### Create a Safe Play Area For Kids!

A farm is a naturally dangerous place. Children are naturally curious. Together, they could be a risky pair. However, creating a safe play area on your farm can help. When determining a safe play area consider a location:

- Separate from traffic and work areas.
- With easily identifiable boundaries. Fences are ideal.
- Which can be easily supervised.
- Free from dangerous debris.
- With enough room to run and explore.
- With safe and age appropriate play equipment.



## Word Puzzles

Unscramble the letters.

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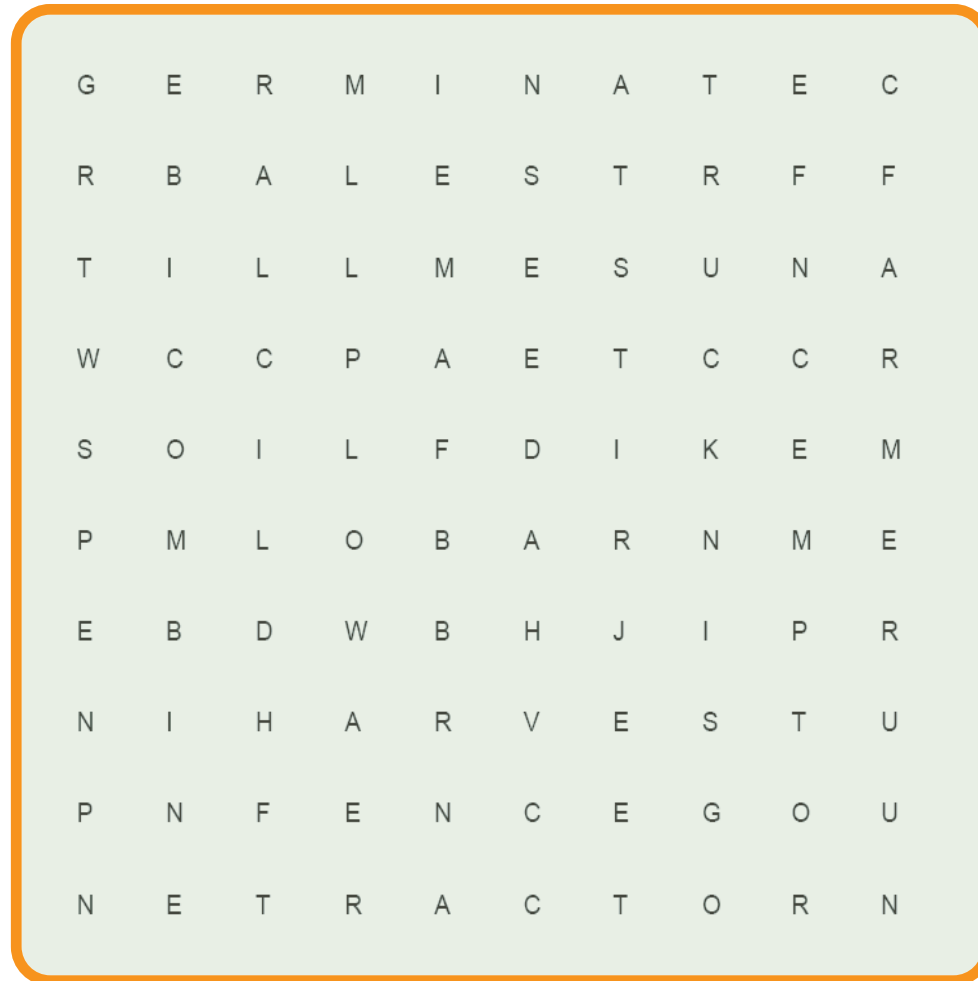
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Answers: farm, safety, animals, role models, injury, livestock

Look for the farm words below in the word search puzzle and circle them.



TRUCK  
SOIL  
FENCE

BARN  
SEED  
SUN

COMBINE  
PLOW  
PEN

TRACTOR  
GERMINATE  
FARMER

HARVEST  
BALE  
TILL

Tip:

Children 10-14 years old are at the greatest risk for farm-related injuries. Tasks beyond a child's mental and physical abilities are part of the problem.

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