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Youth Tractor Safety Courses

Nebraska Extension and Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, have announced plans for the annual “tractor safety” training courses scheduled at 8 sites across Nebraska in late May and early June. Students will complete the first day of the course either by attending a hands-on event, or online through the eXtension Foundation Campus website. After successfully completing the hands-on event or the online course, and testing, there is a required driving test.

- North Platte, May 21-22 (In-person instruction, Tractor drive test)
- West Point, May 28-29 (In-person instruction, Tractor drive test)
- Weeping Water, May 30-31 (In-person instruction, Tractor drive test)
- Gering, June 4 (Tractor drive test)
- Gordon, June 5-6 (In-person instruction, Tractor drive test)
- O’Neill, June 7 (Tractor drive test)
- Grand Island, June 11-12 (In-person instruction, Tractor drive test)
- Hastings, June 13 (Tractor drive test)

Teens 14 or 15 years of age who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about safe farming practices, are encouraged to register for the certification course. Students under age 14 are not eligible for certification, but the hands-on events are open to everyone in the community over the age of 14.

The cost of the course is \$35 and includes educational materials, the online learning link (if applicable), and supplies. Payment will be made at the time of the driving exam.

Only checks and cash can be accepted. Register

at <https://web.cvent.com/event/91b217d1-4370-4688-9d80-e5e8ca58b334/summary>

This is a Certification Day 2 so students must attend a Certification Day 1 at another location OR complete the Virtual Module. Module MUST be completed, with written exam, before attending Certification Day 2

<https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/outreach/farm-safety-days.html>