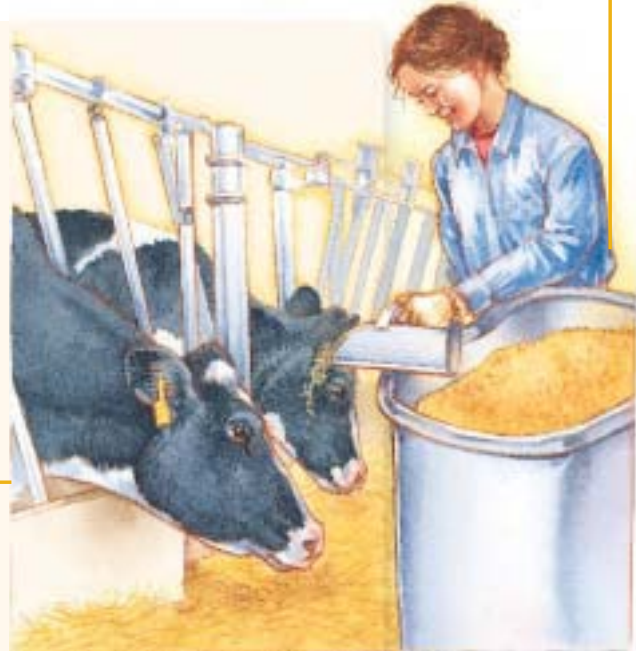


Feeding corn or silages to cattle

Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Ventilation system is working before the child enters a closed building
- Child does not enter the silo
- Animals have no disease
- Work area has no hazards
- A barrier stands between the animal and the child
- Child has been fitted for a respirator and shown how to use it



Can your child do this job?

Main Hazards



Animal movement can cause injury



Weight of feed or cart can strain muscles



Dust or mold can cause breathing problems

ABILITY

Is the child comfortable around cattle?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who are uncomfortable around cattle are more likely to be injured.

Does the feed the child will lift weigh less than 10-15% of the child's body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children lifting more than 15% of their body weight are more likely to injure their backs.

Can the child easily push up to 10-15% of his or her body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who have to strain to push heavy objects are more likely to injure their backs.

Can the child steer the cart? For example, can the child move a grocery cart through the store?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who can't handle the wheelbarrow or cart are more likely to be injured.

Is the broom or shovel the right size for the child?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The wrong size tools can cause injury.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Because cattle behave unpredictably, children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on lifting techniques?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Lifting incorrectly can cause back injury.

Has the child been trained on animal behavior?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who don't understand animal behavior are more likely to be injured.

Has an adult demonstrated feeding corn or silage on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Remember



Non-skid shoes



Respirator as needed



Good handwashing

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

Feeding:

Age 14-15: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.

Sweeping or Shoveling:

Age 10-11: **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 12-13: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.