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Youth Farm Tractor & Machinery Safety Training Registration
Registrations due by January 6 for best price. Pre-registration is required.

Juneau - Dodge County UW-Extension (UWEX), in cooperation with high school agriculture instructors and other volunteers, will again offer the Youth Farm Tractor and Equipment Operations Safety Training program. This program includes classroom instruction and a practical test and is held only once each year.

The course curriculum is the model for county programs across the country and includes instruction on topics: Safety-It's an Attitude; Livestock Safety; Pesticide Safety; Electrical Safety; Confined Space Safety and many others.

2017 Classroom Dates are three Saturdays - January 14, January 21 and January 28. All Classes will be held in the Dodge County Administrative Building Auditorium, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau. Classes are 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with a short break in the morning and afternoon and lunch about noon. Students must bring their lunch. Parents should plan on attending the first 45 minutes of the first class for orientation. Dates for the late April/early May practical driving test at the Dodge County fairgrounds will be announced to participants when registrations are confirmed.

Pre-registration is required. Registration fees are \$35/youth if registered by January 6 and \$45 after January 6, 2016. To register, complete a registration form for each youth and return with payment to the Dodge County UWEX Office, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039. Registration forms are available at the Dodge County UWEX Office and online at <http://dodge.uwex.edu>.

Wisconsin state law (Act 455) requires that any youth under the ages 12--16 who operates a tractor or self-propelled equipment on the highway for a parent, must successfully complete a Tractor and Machinery Safety program. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) require those youths ages 14-16 that work for a non-parent must complete an approved farm safety course. Class participants younger than 14 will receive their federal certificate after they turn 14.

For more information, contact the Dodge County UW-Extension office at 920-386-3790, visit the Dodge County UW-Extension website at <http://dodge.uwex.edu/> or connect with us on Facebook.

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