

National Agriculture Week: March 4-10, 2012
 National Agriculture Day: March 8, 2012

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY March 8, 2012

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS American agriculture builds on centuries of progress by constantly seeking advances in science, research, technology, production, and marketing to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets; and WHEREAS American agriculture helps feed the world, fuels our Nation's economy, and is the largest positive contributor to our Nation's net trade balance; and WHEREAS agriculture provides jobs throughout the farm and food industry, including employment for farmers, farmworkers, scientists, processors, shippers, and retailers; and WHEREAS the stewardship of America's farmers and ranchers ensures a sustainable resource base for future generations; and WHEREAS American farmers and ranchers uphold the rural character of the Nation as they provide the most abundant and most affordable food and fiber supply in the world; NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the preeminent role that agriculture plays in the daily life of every American, in acknowledgment of the future progress and prosperity of the Nation's economy, and in appreciation of farmers and ranchers across the Nation, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2012, as National Agriculture Day. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of February 2012, the two-hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Thomas J. Vilsack
 Secretary

Did you know.....

National Ag Day, sponsored by the Agriculture Council of America, is promoted through awareness efforts in communities across America.

Ag Day is about recognizing and celebrating the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives.

The program encourages Americans to learn more about how food and fiber products are produced, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy and to appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant

and affordable products.

Research has shown that most Americans know very little about agriculture and its social and economic significance in the United States.

Agriculture is a multi-billion dollar industry that touches the lives of every American. It supplies the U.S. and many other countries with a wide variety of products and remains one of the top industries in terms of total employment.

An acre of farmland, which is about the size of a football field, can produce 14,000

ears of sweet corn, 36,000 pounds of potatoes, 24,000 heads of lettuce, 2,800 loaves of bread or 266 pairs of blue jeans.

One Kansas farmer produces enough food to feed 154 people.

Kansas sends the following grains and oil seeds around the world: Wheat, grain sorghum, sunflowers, corn, soybeans and cotton.

Agriculture is the largest industry in Kansas.

Farm safety class is planned for Saturday, May 5

•All farming youth required to take training

Kansas State Research and Extension in the surrounding counties is offering training sessions to help youth planning to work at Hazardous type farm-related jobs.

In 1970, the Federal Department of Labor, along with United States Department of Agriculture, defined a variety of occupations that youth or child labor could be able to work with related to hazardous occupations. Youth 14 and 15 that are planning to do one or more of these hazardous type occupations as defined in the Federal Register must attend or complete at least 20 hours of manual, classroom and/or self written instruction, pass a written exam related to the concepts taught in the 20 hours of instruction and also demonstrate knowledge in a variety of concepts.

The Extension Service team has put together a variety of take-home lessons, along with the classroom instruction to help youth meet the requirements. The classroom instruction will be conducted Saturday, May 5 in Hill City at the fairgrounds. It will be conducted from about 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration and

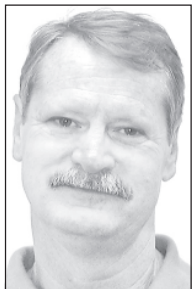
some take home lessons are required to be able to complete the class before the May 5 class session. Youth should come into the Norton County Extension Office to pick up the materials and lessons before April 30. Registration is \$15 for the class and is due by April 30.

Topics to be covered will be safe operation around common farm equipment, equipment operation hazards, and safe maintenance of such equipment. The program will cover safety on the road, farm machinery accident situations, and related aspects surrounding farm related work. This course will not train kids to become professional farmers or professional machinery experts. The kids will obviously need supervised instruction and prudent supervisors but there are some basic tasks and procedures youth can do in working with farm related occupations. The course is designed to help raise their awareness of farm safety and related tasks.

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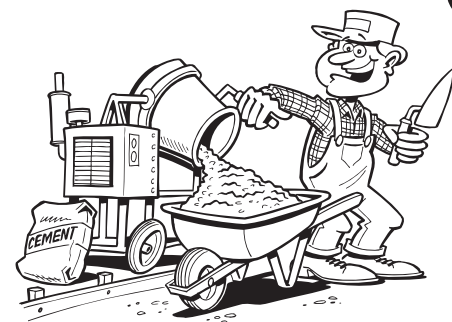
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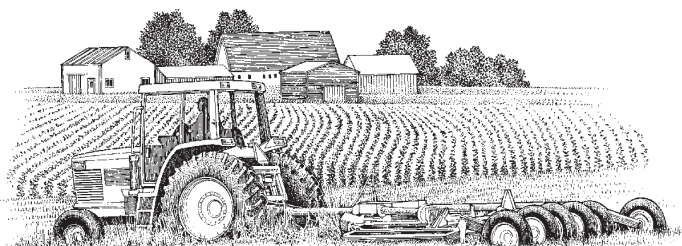
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