

BOB DOLE  
1ST DISTRICT, KANSAS

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LABOR REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY FIRST

When the New Year of 1968 arrives, many farmers of Western Kansas will begin searching for a new source of farm labor. Children under sixteen years of age, the traditional farm apprentices, can no longer be freely hired for most agricultural jobs.

Secretary Willard Wirtz, of the Department of Labor, last week announced his new Federal Regulations defining hazardous occupations for persons under sixteen employed in agriculture. He lists sixteen job categories that will be denied to the youngsters, with some exceptions, after the first of the year.

Exceptions to the Rules

The exceptions, generally, allow parents, and those standing in place of parents, to employ their own children in any occupation on a farm owned or operated by those parents. Also, students enrolled in vocational education training programs are exempt from the regulation. Members of 4-H clubs and other farm training programs are exempt upon application to, and individual approval of, the Department of Labor. Some rather careful checking of the law will be essential for any farmer planning to hire anyone under sixteen after January 1, 1968.

A Listing For Your Information

Because of the fact that, nation wide, over 800,000 persons under sixteen years of age were hired by farmers last year, representing about a quarter of the entire agricultural hired force, and because it becomes a criminal offense to hire children in the specified occupations after the first of the year, I feel it is important to list those occupations for the information of everyone in Western Kansas.

Hazardous Occupations Forbidden to Farm Employees Under 16 After January 1, 1968

1. Handling or applying anhydrous ammonia, organic arsenic herbicides, organic phosphate pesticides, halogenated hydrocarbon pesticides, or heavy-metal fungicides, including cleaning or decontaminating equipment used in application or mixing of such chemicals.

2. Handling or using a blasting agent. The term "blasting agent" shall include explosives such as, but not limited to, dynamite, black powder, sensitized ammonium nitrate, blasting caps, and primer cord.

3. Serving as flagman for aircraft.

4. Working as --

a. Driver of a truck or automobile on a public road or highway

b. Driver of a bus

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5. Operating, driving, or riding on a tractor (track or wheel) over 20 belt horsepower, or attaching or detaching an implement or power-take-off unit to or from such tractor while the motor is running.

6. Operating or riding on a self-unloading bunk feeder wagon, a self-unloading bunk feeder trailer, a self-unloading forage box wagon, a self-unloading forage box trailer, a self-unloading auger wagon, or a self-unloading auger trailer.

7. Operating or riding on a dump wagon, hoist wagon, fork lift, rotary tiller (except walking type), or power-driven earth-moving equipment or power-driven trenching equipment.

8. Operating or unclogging a power-driven combine, field baler, hay conditioner, corn-picker, forage harvester, or vegetable harvester.

9. Operating, feeding, or unclogging any of the following machines when power driven: stationary baler, thresher, huller, feed grinder, chopper, silo filler, or crop dryer.

10. Feeding materials into or unclogging a roughage blower or auger conveyor.

11. Operating a power-driven post-hole digger or power-driven post driver.

12. Operating, adjusting, or cleaning a power-driven saw.

13. Felling, bucking, skidding, loading, or unloading timber with a butt diameter of more than six inches.

14. Working from a ladder or scaffold at a height over 20 feet.

15. Working inside a gas-tight type fruit enclosure, gas-tight type grain enclosure or gas-tight type forage enclosure, or inside a silo when a top unloading device is in operating position.

16. Working in a yard, pen, or stall occupied by a dairy bull, boar, or stud horse.