

Children and the Farm

For parents/future parents:

- Do you have expectations with regards to the number of children you may have and the timing? If so, what are they?
- How do you anticipate your current farm roles changing with the arrival of children?
- How can children be an asset to your family and farm? What are some specific chores they are capable of doing (see cultivatesafety.org for ideas)?
- Do you have goals for your children and their future (grade school, high school and beyond)? If so, what are they?
- What does quality of life look like for each of you? For your future/current children (for grade school, high school and beyond)?
- How old are your children? What are your current children capable of doing with regards to your farm's chores?
- Do your current children have goals/dreams (farm-related or not) with regards to their future? If so, what are they?
- Use cultivatesafety.org to determine if your teenager is ready to drive a tractor on your farm.

For more on child development and farm safety, see cultivatesafety.org