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Working in Cold Weather



Winter is here but work on the farm and ranch still needs to be done. Here are some article links for you to help get producers ready for what winter has in store for us this year.

[Winter Weather: Plan.Equip.Train](#)

[Cold-Related Conditions and Agriculture](#)

[Cold Weather Hazards](#)

Ask the Expert Moving to 'Ask Extension'

After February 1, Ask an Expert through eXtension will no longer receive questions from the public; all such questions will be directed to Ask Extension. More information to come about this updated feature. If you have been answering questions through 'Ask an Expert' you should have received an email about how to sign-up for the new system.

Cold & Flu Season Coinciding with COVID-19 Pandemic

It is normal for us to hear about the cold and flu season as we start into winter but this year cold and flu season is occurring at the same time as COVID-19. The flu and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but caused by different viruses. COVID-19 seems to spread more easily than flu and causes more serious illnesses in some people. It can also take longer before people show symptoms and people can be contagious for longer. There is a vaccine to protect against the flu. There are 2 vaccines tested and FDA approved to prevent COVID-19 but are not generally available yet to the public. The best way to prevent infection for both is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Fortunately, the key practices that we have been using to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are also the methods to prevent the spread of flu. For more information visit [cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm).

Safety Guidelines for Youth Operating Farm Equipment

The National Children's Center has developed work guideline booklets that parents and supervisors can use to assign age and ability appropriate tasks to youth working in agriculture. Click [here](#) to access their three booklets titled Youth Operating Farm Equipment, Youth Working in Gardens, and Youth Working with Farm Animals.

SAY National Clearinghouse

Ag safety and health curriculum or resources that align with AFNR standards can be promoted through the SAY National Clearinghouse. Contact [Linda Fetzer](#) or visit the [SAY Project](#) homepage.



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