



# FACT SHEET #8

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## How To Train A New Driver

Training a new operator is one occasion when it might be necessary to carry an extra rider on farm machinery. When this involves a tractor, the instructor or student should stand behind the operator's seat on the draw bar, with the vehicle free of any towed implement. This will reduce the chances of being run over should that person accidentally fall.

In the case of a self-propelled machine or a tractor with a cab, the extra rider should enter the cab with the operator where possible, but should make every effort not to interfere with the driver's operation of the controls. Instructions should always be given at reduced speeds, on level ground, and away from traffic and other hazards.

There are some specialized machines, such as tomato harvesters, that require riders other than the operator. The most common farming operation requiring extra riders is haying. When extra riders are necessary, certain safety precautions should be observed. Machine operators with passengers should look out for the safety of their riders by using slow speeds while towing or turning, by starting and stopping smoothly, and avoid bumps and other obstructions. Riders can increase their own safety by sitting whenever possible and wearing shoes with non-skid soles.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture along with Farm Credit Canada, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada want to remind Canadian farmers that *Farm Safety Means Farm Safely!*

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