



National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program

Instructor Guidelines and Materials

Appendix F

Pre-Op/Driving Test Evaluation Form

Student Name: _____

Skills Examiner: _____

Test Date: _____

Test Location: _____

Driving Activity (15 minutes maximum): Students must explain each activity as performed unless otherwise noted. Instructors should correct student errors where indicated.

Student is dressed appropriately.

	S	U	NA	Driving Activities
				Pre-operation inspection: student identifies and explains what they are inspecting.
1				Check Fluid Levels (Oil reservoir dipstick, Fuel tank cap, Water/antifreeze fill location, Hydraulic fluid dipstick, etc.)
2				Battery condition
3				Tire condition (Tractor and machine)
4				Guards and Shields (Tractor and machine)
5				Hitch and related connections
6				Walk around Tractor and Machine and look for hazards
				DISCUSS UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE HERE
				Tractor entry
7				Use handholds and steps to mount tractor
8				Buckle seat belt
9				Adjust seat, steering wheel
10				Check major controls (PTO, hydraulics, gear shift position) for the neutral or PARK position
11				Adjust throttle, push clutch in
12				Demonstrate and verbalize how to safely stop the tractor
				DISCUSS UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE HERE
				Tractor start-up and Driving: If too high a gear and/or speed is used, or if driver appears to not have complete control or awareness of tractor and implement positioning, the driver should be stopped immediately, and an automatic failure should be recorded.
13				Starts tractor movement smoothly, has selected low gear, using low throttle setting

	S	U	NA	Driving Activities
14				Drives through serpentine (or similar) course without running over or crushing barriers (a light touch or brushing is acceptable) or having to back up
15				Drives into pull-in stall without running over or crushing any barriers (a light touch or brushing is acceptable) and stops within a foot of end barriers without running over or crushing them (a light touch or brushing is acceptable)
16				Backs into back-in stall within two passes, stops within a foot of end barriers without running over or crushing them (a light touch or brushing is acceptable). 1 pull-up is acceptable
17				Drives out of back-in stall without running over or crushing any barriers (a light touch or brushing is acceptable)
18				Drives back through serpentine course (or similar) course without running over or crushing any barriers (a light touch or brushing is acceptable)
19				Drives tractor back into middle of START/STOP position without running over or crushing any barriers (a light touch or brushing is acceptable)
				Tractor shut-off and exit
20				Stops tractor, lowers throttle (if adjusted upward), places gear in neutral, and set brakes or puts in PARK, shuts tractor off (Not shutting off tractor is automatic Driving Test failure)
21				Dismount tractor by facing tractor and using handholds and steps
				Not completing the Driving Test in 15 minutes is automatic failure.
				DISCUSS UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE HERE
Automatic Failure-Please note the reason for automatic failure.				