Agricultural Hand Signals Flash Card Activity

Objective: Understanding the standard hand signals provides a way to communicate the needed information correctly and reduce the risk of accidents/injuries.

Background: Noise from machinery and/or distance between workers often leads to poor communication which can lead to accidents and/or injuries. Hand signals are an ideal way for people to communicate with each.





Ways to use flash cards:

- 1. Show flashcard of hand signal and ask group what it means.
- 2. Use reverse side of flash card. For example, ask students to demonstrate how to ell someone to start the engine.
- 3. Discuss why it is important to understand what others are trying to tell you
- 4. Play a game of 'Simon Say's' to help the students learn the hand signals
- 5. Break students into small groups and have them practice the flash cards with each other.

Move Out/Take Off

Example: You have hitched an implement for the operator and connected the PTO; signal the person to move out for field work.



Left Turn

Example: Use this signal for public roadway travel or anywhere others may be following you.

Lower Equipment

Example: Use this signal to have operator lower tractor bucket or machine header.



Move Toward Me Follow Me

Example: Use this signal to motion an equipment operator to move toward you or move equipment in a crowded area where side visibility is poor.

Raise Equipment

Example: Use this signal to have operator raise machine header or tractor bucket.



Right Turn

Example: Use this signal for public roadway travel or anywhere others may be following you.

This Far To Go

Example: Use this signal to assist a tractor operator in backing a loaded wagon or hitching to a wagon.



Slow It Down

Example: You are going to fast; slow down.

Speed It Up

Example: You want the tractor operator to increase the speed.



Start The Engine

Example: You need to signal the operator to start the engine after some adjustment has been made.

Stop The Engine

Example: You need to have the operator stop the engine for some adjustments to the machinery.



Stop

Example: The tractor and forage wagon are now positioned for unloading into the silage blower. You signal the operator to stop.

Come To Me

Example: You have opened the gate for the cows to be brought forward. You will signal your co-workers to bring the cattle towards you through the gate.