

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Skill Standards Checklist

Student Name	Student Name			
YA Coordinator		YA Consortium		
School District		High School Graduation Date		
Certification Areas Completed: Required Skills - For EACH Pathway Check ✓ completed areas (p. 4) ☐ Core Skills ☐ Safety Animals Pathway (p. 5) ☐ Animal Basics Unit- REQUIRED FIRST ☐ Large Animal/Herd Unit ☐ Small Animal/Vet Assistant Unit		Level One Requirements: Students must complete ALL listed below Check ✓ completed areas Required Skills Minimum of ONE Pathway Unit Minimum of 2 semesters related instruction Minimum of 450 work hours Level Two Requirements: Students must complete all listed below Check ✓ completed areas		
Plar Cro	hway (p. 8) Int Basics Unit- REQUIRED FIRST Int Basics Unit- REQ	Check ✓ completed areas ☐ Required Skills ☐ Minimum of TWO Pathway Units ☐ Minimum of 4 semesters related instruction ☐ Minimum of 900 work hours		
☐ Bas FIRST	ental Systems Pathway (p. 12) ic Water Resources Unit- REQUIRED anced Water Resources Unit			
Total Hours				
Employed	Company Name	Te	elephone Number	
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Instructions for the Worksite Mentor(s) and Instructor(s)

The Skill Standards Checklist is a list of the competencies (tasks) to be achieved through mentoring and training at the worksite.

- The worksite mentor should rate each competency as the student acquires and demonstrates the skill according to the performance standard criteria.
- A competency may be revisited and the score raised as the student becomes more proficient at the worksite.
- The mentor and student should go over this checklist together on a regular basis to record progress and plan future steps to complete the required competencies.

I certify that this student has successfully completed the competencies required in my department. Circle your YA role, sign and print your name, and complete with the date and the department name.

SIGN this page IF you have been a mentor, trainer, or instructor of this student Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature Printed Name Printed Name Department Department Date Signed Date Signed Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature **Printed Name Printed Name** Department Department Date Signed Date Signed Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature **Printed Name Printed Name** Department Department Date Signed Date Signed Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature Mentor/Trainer/Instructor Signature **Printed Name Printed Name** Department Department **Date Signed Date Signed**

Operational Program Notes for Skill Standards Checklist

1. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Youth Apprenticeship Curriculum

- Definitions:
 - Competency- The worksite skill to be performed.
 - Performance Standards- HOW to assess skill performance as applicable to worksite.
 - Learning Objectives- Content knowledge recommended to learn these skills; may be taught by the employer, school district and/or technical college.
 - o Skill Standards Checklist- The documented list of competencies completed by the YA student.
 - W/S- Listed after a skill indicates that skill performance may be learned and assessed at the
 worksite OR in the classroom in a simulated setting. However, a simulated setting should ONLY
 be used IF there is no possibility of skill performance at the worksite.
- Performance Standards & Learning Objectives are located in the applicable Appendices of the Program Guide for this Youth Apprenticeship

2. ALL Youth Apprentices MUST complete the Required Skills (Core Skills and Safety) competencies for EACH Pathway they are enrolled in

- The Required Skills competencies may be completed concurrently with the Technical Skills competencies.
- The Required Skills are common skills specific to all Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources industry subsectors. These skills are *aligned with* the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) standards for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR).

3. Youth Apprenticeship choices (depending on job placement)

- Worksites can be chosen from any number of related settings, such as farms, landscapers, florists, greenhouses, veterinarian clinics, industry, and water treatment or wastewater management facilities, which can train the required skills.
- Competencies have been reviewed by the Department of Workforce Development for Child Labor Laws.
 Contact the Department of Workforce Development's Equal Rights Division/Labor Standards Bureau at 608-266-6860 for questions regarding child labor laws. SEE Appendix A for special Child Labor Law considerations in this YA Program.
- Students will complete a **Minimum Rating** in the Required Skills and one Basics Pathway unit for a Level ONE Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) YA and a **Minimum Rating** in the Required Skills and two pathway units for a Level TWO AFNR YA.
- NOTE: Units within each Pathway build upon each other. Therefore, switching between pathways,
 after the successful completion of the first year, is allowable provided that the student begins the second
 year in the REQUIRED Basics unit listed under the NEW pathway choice.
- A tractor safety course is highly recommended if students will be using tractors during the course of their worksite placement.
- The Department of Workforce Development Occupational Certificate will indicate "Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources" attained when the program is completed.

4. Competency Ratings

- Rate the student on the competencies regularly and revisit the competencies with the student periodically
 to offer the opportunity for an improved rating.
- Arrangements must be made to ensure that the student learns, practices, AND performs each competency even if that competency is not part of their regular job function.
- "Entry Level" criteria should be interpreted to mean "able to do the task satisfactorily."
- "Assist" in front of a skill indicates that the student should perform the skill as indicated in the curriculum
 "while assisting a worksite professional." Training should go beyond "observation only" for these skills. It
 will be up to the employer to determine the criticality of each specific task, training completed, and the
 actual level of supervision required. See curriculum details for requirements.

Required Skills

Required of **ALL** Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources YA Students Copy this page **FOR EACH** pathway to be completed

CORE SKILLS		Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating	
	1	2	3
Apply academic knowledge			
Apply career knowledge			
Apply Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources industry knowledge			
Communicate effectively			
5. Act professionally			
Demonstrate customer service skills			
7. Cooperate with others in a team setting			
8. Think critically			
Exhibit regulatory and ethical responsibilities			
10. Use resources wisely			
11. Use basic technology			
SAFETY		n rating of 2 fo	
	1	2	3
Follow personal safety requirements			
Maintain a safe work environment			

Rating Scale:

- 3 = Exceeds entry level criteria | Requires minimal supervision | Consistently displays this behavior
- 2 = Meets entry level criteria | Requires some supervision | Often displays this behavior

3. Demonstrate professional role to be used in an emergency

1 = Needs improvement | Requires much assistance & supervision | Rarely displays behavior

Animals Pathway

Animal Basics Unit – REQUIRED FIRST Minimum rating o Check Ra		n rating of 2 fo		
	1	2	3	
Clean and maintain animal quarters				
2. Safely handle animals				
3. Mix feed, additives and/or medicines				
4. Manage animal waste				
5. Observe and measure animal physical characteristics				
6. Assist to examine animals				
7. Collect samples for testing and/or food production				
Maintain animal care and business records				
9. Manage inventory				
10. Evaluate the facility business and marketing plan (W/S)				

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Animals Pathway

Large Animal/Herd Unit	Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	1	2	3
Clean and groom animals			
2. Feed and water animals			
3. Mark or tag animals			
4. Herd and/or patrol/monitor animals			
5. Monitor animal food and water supplies			
6. Assist to optimize animal performance and production			
7. Collect and process animal products and by-products			
8. Assist with reproductive selection (W/S)			
9. Assist with reproductive breeding and/or birthing (W/S)			
10. Assist to prevent the spread of animal diseases			
11. Operate equipment & machinery safely			
12. Clean and service equipment & machinery			
13. Maintain facilities			

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Animals Pathway

Small Animal/Vet Assistant Unit Minimum rating Check F		n rating of 2 f		
	1	2	3	
Manage clinic or research appointments				
Set up area for animal exams & procedures				
3. Clean & sterilize equipment				
4. Maintain & QC diagnostic equipment				
Assist to collect diagnostic samples				
6. Run basic diagnostic tests				
Assist to administer routine treatments, vaccines, and medications				
8. Assist to prepare animals for surgery				
Monitor animal responses to non-surgical procedures				
10. Service customers and/or collect fees				
11. Assist with animal euthanasia (W/S)				

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Plant Basics Unit – REQUIRED FIRST	Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	1	2	3
Prepare planting spaces			
2. Prepare soils/media			
3. Plant seeds, seedlings, or cuttings			
4. Monitor plants for light, moisture, and temperature requirements			
5. Assist to install and maintain watering and/or irrigation systems			
6. Mix fertilizers and additives			
7. Apply fertilizers			
8. Manage inventory			
Maintain agribusiness records			
10. Evaluate the facility business and marketing plan (W/S)			

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Crops Unit	Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	1	2	3
Assist to plan crop from rotation schedule			
2. Till and test the soil			
3. Plant crops			
Assist to maintain and monitor crops			
5. Assist to prevent the spread of weeds, pests, and diseases			
6. Harvest crop product			
7. Assist to transport and unload crop			
8. Inspect, sort, and store product			
Operate crop equipment & machinery safely			
10. Clean and service equipment & machinery			

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Greenhous	e/Floral Unit	Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
		1	2	3
1. Service	customers			
2. Process	sales			
3. Assist to arrange	design crop plantings, displays, and/or floral ments			
4. Impleme	ent crop planting plan			
5. Assist to	maintain and monitor crop plantings			
6. Assist to	prevent the spread of weeds, pests, and diseases			
7. Perform	sanitization procedures			
8. Prepare	, sort, and store products			
9. Fill and	package orders			
10. Load pro	oduct for sale, delivery, or further distribution			
11. Assist to	maintain facility & equipment			
12. Sharper	hand tools			

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Landscaping Unit	Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	1	2	3
Assist to evaluate landscaping site			
Measure and prepare landscaping site			
3. Test soil			
4. Assist to create design			
Prepare supplies and equipment			
Remove waste materials and hardscaping			
7. Install construction materials and hardscaping			
Plant landscaping materials			
Maintain landscaped spaces			
10. Operate landscaping machinery safely			
11. Assist to maintain landscaping facility & equipment			
12. Sharpen hand tools			

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Environmental Systems Pathway

Basic Water Resources Unit – REQUIRED FIRST		Minimum rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
	1	2	3	
Apply water industry knowledge				
Treatment & Operations	1	2	3	
Read technical drawings & work orders				
3. Monitor operating conditions, meters, & gauges				
Collect operational data				
5. Use operations software (SCADA, PLC, GIS/GPS, DBs)				
Adjust basic operating conditions based on readings				
7. Clean & maintain facility, tanks, filter beds, etc.				
8. Treat &/or dispose of solids/sludge/scale				
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Lab	1	2	3	
9. Clean & maintain lab equipment				
10. Collect & store samples				
11. Preserve chain of custody				
12. Weigh & measure accurately				
13. Perform calculations & conversions				
14. Conduct basic lab testing				
Equipment & Quality	1	2	3	
15. Operate tools & equipment safely	†			
16. Monitor pumps & equipment for correct operation				

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Environmental Systems Pathway

Advanced Water Resources Unit		rating of 2 f	
	1	2	3
Regulatory			
Assist with reporting			
Assist to evaluate security & public health operations			
Assist with required inspections/audits			
Treatment & Operations	1	2	3
Assist to prepare chemicals			
5. Assist to add chemicals			
6. Perform start-up & shut-down of pumps & equipment			
7. Inspect operational equipment			
Assist to troubleshoot operations			
Lab	1	2	3
Prepare microscope slides			
10. Operate a microscope			
11. Identify microbes			
12. Assist to analyze lab results			
Equipment & Quality	1	2	3
13. Maintain schedules, communication, & documentation			
14. Perform preventive maintenance (PM)			
15. Calibrate equipment			
16. Assist to troubleshoot & repair equipment			
17. Assist to analyze operational data for productivity/trends			
18. Assist to record, summarize & evaluate budget/usage/billing information			
19. Participate in a system project			

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Additional Certifications, Training, Seminars and Projects

Please list in detail any additional certifications earned, any training and seminars attended, and/or any projects completed during the course of the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Youth Apprenticeship.

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Notes/Comments		
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