



FACT SHEET P2.3: - CHILDREN ON FAMILY FARMS



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- A child (between 12 – 15 years) may only help on the family farm by performing light work

RULES FOR FARMERS WHO INVOLVE 12 – 15 YEARS OLD CHILDREN IN FARM WORK

- The work does not interfere with children`s education
- The farmers` children are only given safe jobs to do that only involve light work
- The farmers` children are provided with PPE where necessary
- The farmer or another responsible adult is always present and supervising the child`s work
- The work includes training
 - e.g. the child is learning how the family business works
- The farmers` children do not work at night
- There is strict limit on the hours spent at work each day and week, so that the child has enough time for education (including the time needed for homework), for rest during the day and for leisure activities
- 12-15 year olds should work a maximum of 2 hours per day on school days and 14 hours per week for a school week (Monday to Sunday)

STP REQUIREMENT FOR CURVERID FARMERS

1. Farmers need to keep copies of age documents and school attendance records of all the family children living or otherwise present at the farm
2. Farmers should know what children should not do and be able to explain what kind of work their children do when they are helping on the farm
3. Farmers should ensure children attend school up to the minimum age for compulsory schooling required by Zimbabwean law

