

Do you think 16 is the appropriate age for people to get a driver's license? Or should the age requirement be changed?

Working on a farm comes with a lot of chores and errands that have to be done in order to take care of the livestock and the fields. Some days I have to drive to the feed store and some days I have to haul cattle to the vet clinics to make sure they are healthy. My dad owns a HVAC business where he is constantly working so we can afford to raise cattle and my mom helps by doing paperwork at home. With my dad and mom being busy working, it is up to me to run errands and be responsible for taking care of the ranch. With the age being sixteen until kids can get their driver's license, I was not able to help out with my parents by running to pick up feed or taking animals to the vet when I was younger. This is why I wish kids that are raised on a farm or ranch can receive their driver's license at a younger age, like thirteen or fourteen.

If the age was lowered for farm and ranch kids, this would allow them to run errands and take care of chores in place for their busy parents. If I have learned one thing from being involved in the agricultural world and raising cattle, it is that farm and ranch kids are some of the most responsible people you will ever meet. They take good care of their animals and get the job done under any circumstances. I trust them being on the road more than anyone else because they tend to think smart and fast in most situations. Ag kids have much more responsibilities than most kids and it is vital that they are able to take care of their chores because they are involved in one of the most important industries in the world.

I believe that the age to be able to receive a driver's license should be lowered only to kids who live on a farm or ranch because then they would be able to fulfill their responsibilities whether it is running to the feed store, picking up supplies to fix a tractor, or hauling livestock to the vet. Ag kids are some of the most important people because they will grow to be the future of the agricultural industry and will, one day, help put food on the table of many families.