Agriculture Industry: Starting and Stopping a Tractor

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Starting a Tractor

- Before mounting, always make sure all guards and shields are in place
- Use handrails and always maintain three points of contact when mounting
- Adjust operators seat and fasten seatbelt, if equipped
- Place gearshift in "neutral" or "park"
- Always make sure all hydraulic controls are in neutral
- Disengage PTO
- Depress the brake
- Depress the clutch
- Always start the machine from the operators seat
- Never start any machine from the ground
- Never bypass the normal starting circuitry
- Always read and understand the Operator and Maintenance Manual before operating any machine

Stopping a Tractor

- Apply the brakes evenly
- Disengage the PTO
- Always lower all hydraulic attachments to the ground
- Shift the gearshift lever in "neutral" or "park"
- Turn the ignition key to the off position
- Always be sure to remove the key, this will prevent accidental starts

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