



2009 Annual Report



Connect. Innovate. Advance.

Who We Are

The AgriSafe™ Network, a non-profit national membership organization, represents health professionals and educators who are concerned about the health and safety of farm families. Many agricultural injuries, diseases, and fatalities can be prevented through the delivery of agricultural occupational health services.

Farmers Who Feed Our Nation ...

experience an increased incidence of:

- respiratory diseases
- zoonotic infections
- skin cancer
- musculoskeletal disorders
- hearing loss
- depression
- disabling injuries
- occupational fatalities

Our Core Values

We believe that providing occupational health services to farmers will improve the quality of their lives and those of future generations.

Our Core Strength

Our core strength is based upon the professional standards required to deliver AgriSafe services. Only health professionals who have received extensive training in the field of agricultural health and safety earn the right to be named “AgriSafe Providers”. This is where our commitment to uphold the quality of AgriSafe services will never waiver.

Our Dedication

The AgriSafe Network is dedicated to supporting AgriSafe health professionals who are prepared to serve the health care needs of farmers.

Member benefits include:

- Continuing education via workshop and webinars
- Educational resources
- Technical assistance
- Marketing benefits
- Network opportunities with other clinicians and experts in the field
- Updates on the most cutting-edge developments in agricultural health and safety

AgriSafe provided 1,200 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services.



President's Message



Dear Members, Friends, and Sponsors

The economic downturn has impacted most people and non-profit organizations are no exception. AgriSafe, as a young non-profit organization, is particularly vulnerable to changes in charitable giving. AgriSafe redoubled its efforts to keep the porch light “on” in the face of the economic challenge.

We never hesitated for a moment in our dedication to improve, and expand our service goals. I am happy to report that we actually exceeded program and service goals while operating with a quarter (25%) less funding from our previous fiscal year.

Operating a non-profit organization under an austere fiscal environment has made us all reflect on the true importance of our mission. Everyday, AgriSafe dedicates itself to partnering with health professionals to permanently shift cultural norms so future farmers can enjoy farming without suffering from occupationally induced illness. Health conditions such as hearing loss, chronic back pain and poor respiratory health have become no longer acceptable as an unfortunate byproduct of farming.

Moving forward, we will continue to advocate for AgriSafe preventive services delivered by competent rural health professionals. If you are not already a member, sponsor or partner, please consider joining us in this journey that has just begun.

All my best,

Tim Niess
President

AgriSafe has come to embody an innovative movement, a true shift in perception. Our message is simple. Farmers deserve the right health care, at the right time, from the right person.

That “right person” is the AgriSafe healthcare provider. AgriSafe providers are especially trained to care for the occupational health care of farm families. To locate an AgriSafe provider, visit us at www.agrisafe.org. If your community is not fortunate to have an AgriSafe provider, contact us, we can help you train the right person.



Our Vision

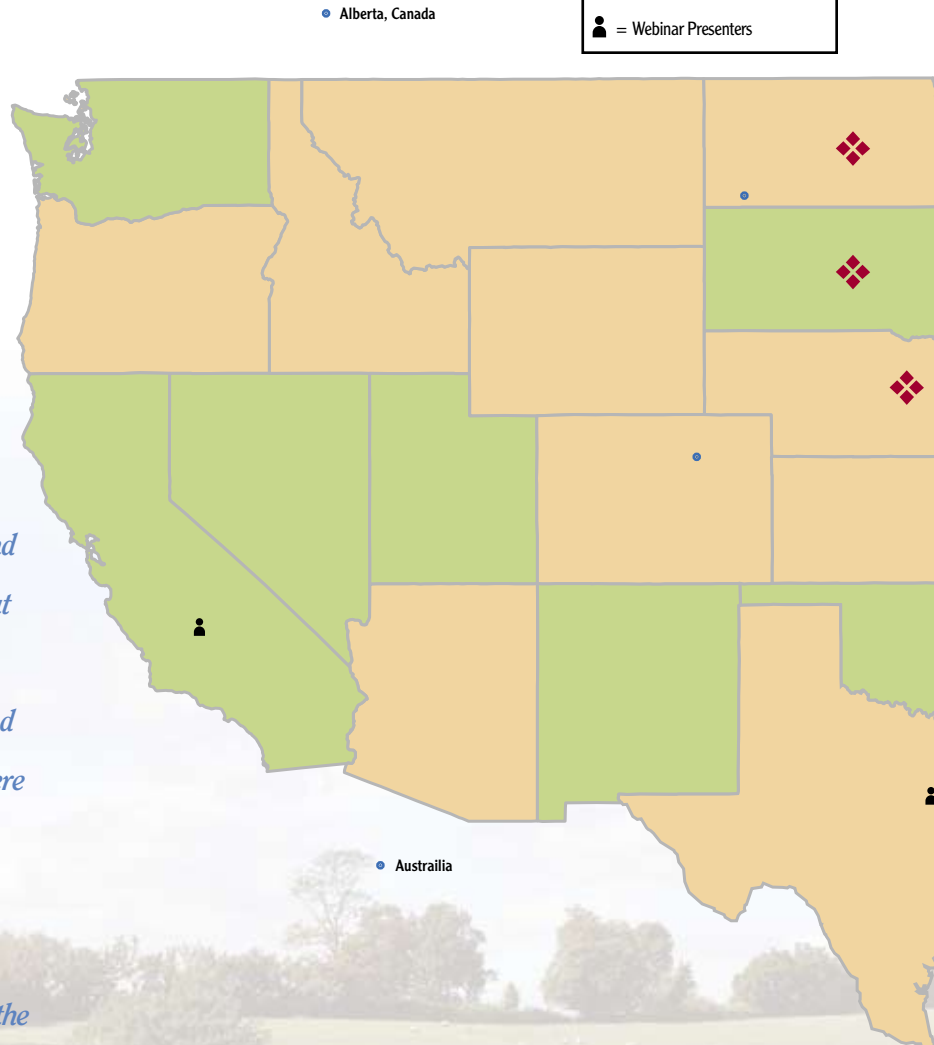
We envision a day when farmers across the country have access to highly trained AgriSafe professionals. That local AgriSafe clinician will provide superior disease management and prevention services to match the farmer's specific exposures.

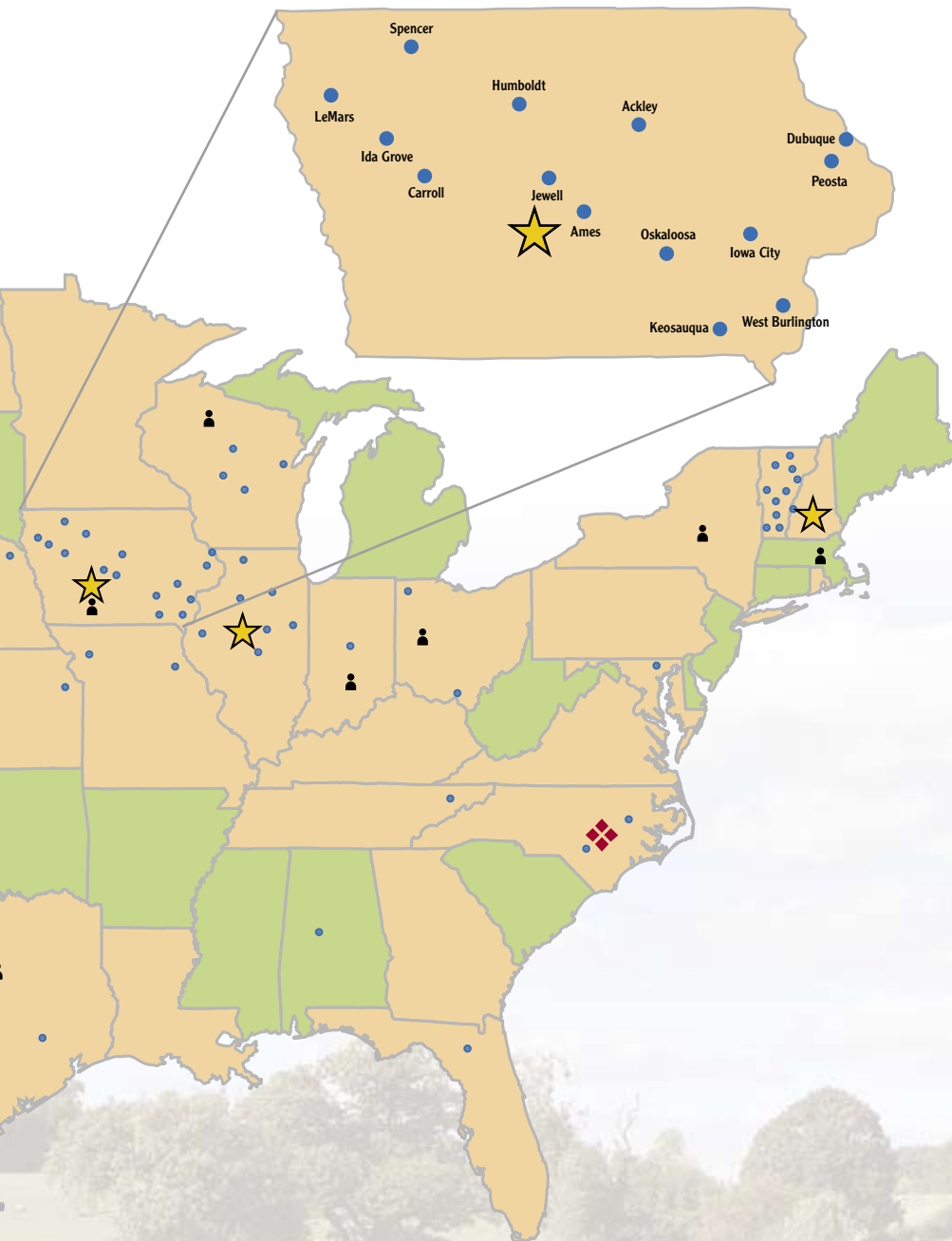


“The farm is perceived as a wholesome and healthy place to live and raise a family, but farmers have occupational exposures to many hazards and conditions that demand specialized health care. Unfortunately, there is a lack of health professionals trained in these unique occupationally related illnesses. One of the most positive changes over the years has been the emergence of the AgriSafe Network to help fill this need.”

Cheryl Tevis
Senior Farm Issues Editor, *Successful Farming Magazine*

KEY	
●	= AgriSafe Members
■	= Participants on Webinars
★	= AgriSafe Certificate Trainings
◆	= Future Certificate Trainings
✱	= National Training
👤	= Webinar Presenters





Less than seven years into a journey that has become our personal and professional life's work, AgriSafe has developed strong partnerships with leaders throughout the country. These leaders are well prepared to launch statewide efforts to deliver AgriSafe services and to train rural health professionals. AgriSafe encourages the development of one state-based AgriSafe affiliate in each state. In 2009 we welcomed our first state affiliate-North Carolina led by NC Agromedicine Institute. It is this spirit of collaboration, innovation and creativity that will allow us all to serve farm families most effectively.

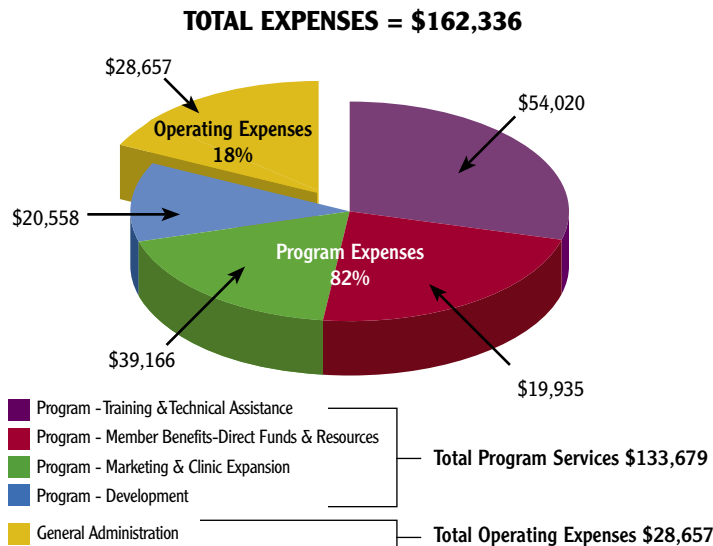


Robin Tutor, MPH, OTR/L
Interim Director, NC Agromedicine Institute

We applaud Robin's leadership to establish the first State Affiliate in the country!

Program Highlights

Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key policy partner for the National Rural Health Association Policy Conference, Washington, D.C. Researched and designed AgriSafe State Affiliate membership. Developed and distributed first monthly e-newsletter for members "AGRISAFE in ACTION". Continuing Education Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Marketing: A promising strategy for injury prevention in farming communities How Health Care Expenses are Affecting Farmers and Ranchers NIOSH Hearing Loss Prevention AgriSafe on AgriTalk radio – Respiratory Health. Provided 300 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key partner in hosting the 2009 National Institute for Farm Safety Conference, New Orleans, LA. Trained 34 students at the University of Iowa's "Agricultural Medicine- Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals". Continuing Education Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASCHA Goals and Objectives, Helping Farm People Manage Their Behavioral Health Reaching Teen Farmworkers Through HS ESL Classes Provided 260 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services. Led effort to author and pass NRHA policy paper on Underinsurance in the Farming Community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborated with ISU Extension to develop an educational video on proper PPE use when applying pesticides. Video taped Personal Protective Equipment podcasts for Successful Farming Magazine website (www. Agriculture.com). Trained 11 students at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's "Agricultural Occupational Health Training". Expanded AgriSafe Provider member eligibility status to include: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctor of Chiropractic, and Naturopathic Doctor. Continuing Education Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthritis in Agriculture The Novel H1N1 Influenza Virus: The Hype - The Facts Safety and Health in Commercial Shrimp Fishing Along the LA/TX Gulf Coast - A Cocktail of Cultural Factors and Occupational Risks Provided 360 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Carolina Agromedicine Institute became the 1st AgriSafe State Affiliate member. Trained 14 students at Marshfield Clinic's "Wisconsin AgriSafe Training- Agricultural Medicine: The core Course". Trained 45 students at North Carolina Agromedicine Institute's "Agricultural Medicine- Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals". Developed dental health education webpage and resources. Responded to member needs through governance changes in bylaws. Continuing Education Webinars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musculoskeletal Symptoms Among Crawfish Farmers Zoonotic Diseases: Their Importance and Neglect Oral Health: The Identification of Risk and Evidence-based Interventions Provided 330 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services.



2009 Financial Statement

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Grant Income	\$ 102,300
Sales of Safety Products	\$ 21,181
Membership Dues & Contributions	\$ 8,525
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 868
Interest Income	\$ 196

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE \$ 133,070

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 162,336

2008 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ (29,266)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 52,403
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 23,137

2009 Presentations and Exhibits

- National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Policy Conference – January, Washington, D.C.
- Iowa Public Health Association Conference – April, Ames, IA
- Agricultural Occupational Health Training – June, Iowa City, IA
- National Institute for Farm Safety – June, New Orleans, LA
- Agricultural Occupational Health Training – August, Springfield, IL
- Office of Rural Health Policy Grantee’s Meeting – August, Washington, D.C.
- Iowa Rural Health Assoc. Annual Meeting – October, Ankeny, IA
- Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Forum – November, Johnston, IA
- Agricultural Occupational Health Training – December, Greenville, NC



Too often we fail to connect health with risk of injury and death. A farmer who suffers from high blood pressure (as many do) is more likely to have a tractor fatality or to suffer a stroke while operating heavy machinery. Improving the safety on the farm involves understanding the health status of the farmer. Safety and health must go hand and hand.

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