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“Protecting Agriculture’s Future” theme for 2022 National Farm Safety and Health Week

Agriculture is known as one of the most dangerous industries in America. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), about 100 agricultural workers suffer a lost-work-time injury every day, and in 2019 the agriculture industry had a fatality rate of 19.4 deaths per 100,000 workers. National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized during the third week of September since it was established by President Roosevelt in 1944, to help bring attention to the risks of those working agriculture.

This year, AgriSafe has daily webinars for agricultural health and safety professionals, healthcare providers, extension agents, producers, farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers. Our partners at the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) coined this year’s theme “Protecting Agriculture’s Future,” reminding all of us that the cornerstone of sustainable agriculture is healthy and safe workers. Each day will have its own theme: Monday is Tractor Safety and Rural Roadway Safety; Tuesday is Overall Farmer Health; Wednesday is Safety and Health for Youth in Agriculture; Thursday is Confined Spaces; and Friday is Safety and Health for Women in Agriculture.

From September 19-23, 2022, AgriSafe’s free webinars will cover a breadth of topics, including tractor and roadway safety, grain bin safety, wildfire and heat safety, workplace sexual harassment prevention, injury prevention, and mental health help for youth and adults. For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit: <https://www.agrisafe.org/nfshw>

AgriSafe is grateful to our sponsors for helping to support the wide distribution of this week’s events: CHS, Agri-Services Agency (ASA), UC Davis Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, and the following NIOSH Agricultural Centers- Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH), High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (HICAHS), Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education (SW Ag Center), and Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (PNASH).

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About AgriSafe Network

AgriSafe is a national 501©3 nonprofit that works to educate healthcare professionals and agriculture workers about the health and safety needs of those in the agriculture, fishing, and forestry industries. We bring together national experts to develop educational materials that can be delivered both digitally and in-person. Our mission is to protect the people who feed the world – and in addition to education, we are cultivating a network of trained agricultural health and safety professionals that understand and support Total Farmer Health®. For more information, visit <https://www.agrisafe.org>.