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PROTECTING AGRICULTURE'S FUTURE - WISCONSIN FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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Last week Thursday, Wisconsin's Governor issued his proclamation for "Wisconsin Farm Safety and Health Week," a tradition started a few years ago to parallel National Farm Safety and Health Week, first proclaimed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. The theme of this year's observation is, "Protecting Agriculture's Future."

The proclamation cites the importance of protecting all who work in agriculture, including farmers, ranchers, specialty crop producers, family members, and hired farmworkers. Agriculture is a major economic player in Wisconsin and surrounding states. In Wisconsin alone, 64,000 farms form the base of an industry that adds \$104.8 billion each year including farm operations along with the food manufacturing, processing, and transportation sectors. These industries connect deeply and add to the vitality and health of rural and urban communities. In the last couple years, we've seen the impacts when there is instability and uncertainty in agriculture. This includes the impacts of COVID-19 on workers on farms and in related businesses. In 2022, we've also seen how major global events like war can ripple through the worldwide economy and impact our ability and confidence to feed a global population.

Agriculture is vital to peace and economic stability—yet agriculture is also dangerous. Data from the National Safety Council indicate that we have about 500 deaths of adult agricultural workers each year. In addition, one child dies...

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Featured Upcoming Events

In-Person COMET and SafeTALK training opportunities

- **COMET training at Hildebrand Memorial Library in Boscobel**
 - 10/3 - 4:30pm-6:30pm in the Club Room (downstairs)
 - [Click here to RSVP](#)
- **SafeTALK trainings**
 - 9/27 - The Richland Hospital 8:30am-12:00pm [Registration Link](#)
 - 10/20 - Hildebrand Memorial Library 4:30pm-8:00pm in the Club Room (downstairs) [Click here to RSVP](#)

Contact s.monson@swcap.org if you have any questions



6 Important Farm Safety Tips

1. Educate yourself. Before you begin, learn all about the mechanics and risks of your specific project. Start with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), which hosts National Farm Safety and Health Week. In addition to free webinars, you can find an extensive list of resources on its website.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration also has resources dedicated to agricultural operations, including a page for youth. Treat this like a research paper: Find and note as much information as you can.

2. Stock a first aid kit. And restock, emphasizes Dan Neenan, director of NECAS. Neenan, a trained paramedic, has developed a farm first aid kit based on the injuries he and his team see most in farming situations...[Click Here](#) to continue reading FFA New Horizons Laura Denton's helpful safety tips, please



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