Our Vision:
No child would become ill, injured or die from farm, ranch and rural activities.

Our Mission:
Provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

Let's Celebrate! Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®
Highlight 25-Year Milestone

SAVE THE DATE --- The Progressive Agriculture Foundation cordially invites you to take part in a reception to Celebrate 25 Years of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® on Monday, June 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The reception will be held in conjunction with the 2019 International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) Conference held at the Embassy Suites located at 101 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social, as we look back on 25 amazing years of providing the education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

Do you have a memory or experience to share? Please send videos, photos and letters to Jana Davidson at jdavidson@progressiveag.org. We will share these during our reception. Unable to attend in-person, but want to be part of the celebration? Join us via Facebook Live!

Please look for a formal invitation via e-mail in the upcoming weeks. Kindly RSVP by June 12 to Sarah Pilgreen at spilgreen@progressiveag.org or 888-257-3529 Ext. 700.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® named as a Finalist for the National Safety Council's 2019 Green Cross Awards
Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® were excited to recently learn they are a finalist for the National Safety Council (NSC)’s Green Cross Safety Award for Advocacy. The advocacy category recognizes the advancement of evidence-based best practices to raise awareness or change policy to prevent further injuries and deaths.

"National Safety Council award winners don't just aim to check off a box for safety. These individuals and organizations understand that a successful day of work requires getting home safely and they prioritize safety at every level of decision-making. We are proud to honor each of our nominees and our incredible winners, all of whom are committed to working alongside NSC to eliminate preventable deaths in our lifetime."

Nicholas J. Smith, Interim President and CEO of the National Safety Council

The winners will be announced on May 16 at an awards celebration at the Swissotel in Chicago. This annual celebration of safety brings together mission-driven advocates, safety professionals, corporations and government officials from around the country with the common goal of creating a safer world. The funds raised will be used to carry out all facets of the National Safety Council mission to eliminate preventable deaths in our lifetime. Every day, NSC works to identify emerging risks to our safety at work, at home and on the road and create effective solutions through research, education and advocacy.

We were ecstatic to learn in early-February that we were among the 16 semifinalists announced for coveted NSC Green Cross Award. Then to learn in early-March that we were now among the 9 finalists feels amazing. We are beyond honored to see Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, a program that has reached more than 1.7 million since 1995, be recognized by a well-known, respected organization like NSC."

Jana Davidson, Progressive Agriculture Foundation Education Content Specialist

To read more about the award and view the initial list of 16 semifinalists, click here.

DONATE NOW to Send Another Child to a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®

From ATVs to tractors, thousands of dollars are spent each year on farms to purchase new equipment. However, an investment in safety is often overlooked. Devastatingly, every three days a child dies due to agriculture-related incidents in the United States, according to the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

Did you know only $13 is all it takes to send another child to a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®? A MODEST DONATION can have a BIG IMPACT on children in farming and rural communities near you. Make a safe investment by helping another child attend a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in his or her local community. Donating has never been easier, with three ways to give:

1. Text "SAFETYDAY" TO 41444.
2. Click the Donate Now button on our website
3. Send your payment to Progressive Agriculture Foundation, P.O. Box 530425, Birmingham, AL 35253.

You can donate in honor or memory of a loved one, like the family and friends of Tom Wall. When Tom tragically passed away as the result of a farming incident in May of 2016, his family wanted to ensure others would not have to experience a similar tragedy. To date, more than $2,500 in donations have poured in to send more children to Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®. Click here to read more about Tom’s story that was featured in the March 2019 issue of The Progressive Farmer powered by DTN.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation recognizes Bayer as a 4-star sponsor

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to have Bayer’s continued support of youth safety through a donation to Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, 2019 marks Bayer’s 17th year of partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of health care and agriculture. Its products and services are designed to benefit people and improve their quality of life. At the same time, the Group aims to create value through innovation, growth and high earning power. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development and to its social and ethical responsibilities as a corporate citizen. In fiscal 2017, the Group employed around 99,800 people and had sales of 35.0 billion euros. Capital expenditures amounted to 2.4 billion euros, R&D expenses to 4.5 billion euros.

"Bayer’s support will allow more than 4,600 children to participate in a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in their local community, where they will learn age-appropriate, life-saving lessons in a hands-on, fun manner that they will remember long after the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® concludes." Brian Kuhl, Chief Executive Officer of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

Bayer has also been providing farm safety resources through a First Aid App. The app, created by the American Red Cross, puts expert advice for everyday emergencies at your fingertips. Bayer proudly sponsors the rural safety section focusing on topics specific to rural and farming communities including ATV safety, dust explosions, auger safety, tractor safety and grain bin safety to name a few.

The app is FREE and available for download from both the Apple App Store or Google Play for Android devices. Get the app by texting "GETFIRST" to 90999.

For more information on Bayer, visit www.bayer.com.

2019 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator
Training Season Concludes

On March 1, the 2019 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator Training season officially concluded. A total of 371 lead coordinators and 125 assistant coordinators were trained at one of our 29 face-to-face training sessions and 6 webinars. Additionally, we welcomed 18 guests. We want to send out a special thank you to the 2019 training team, which included Glen Blahey, Louis-Charles Boisvert, Scott & Julie Ferry, Dave & Shari Kuther, Christine Maynard, Dan Neenan, Sharry Nielsen, Brian Kuhl, Jana Davidson and Bernard Geschke.

We want to thank our 2019 Coordinator Training hosts for securing facilities, providing lunch and handling various other training logistics. Our training hosts and contacts include:

- Asmark Institute (Allen Summers & Amber Duke)
- British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture/4-H Youth Development (Jarrett Chung-Smith)
- Bunge North America - Chesterfield, MO (Jim Rice)
- CHS, Inc. (Tera Fair)
- Jones County Soil & Water Conservation District (Ashley Jones)
- Lower Colorado River Authority (Marshall Trigg)
- KanOkla Networks (Kim Reilly)
- National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (Dan Neenan & Ashlee Then)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (Dr. David Hard) & West Virginia Farm Bureau (Laura Himes)
- Nebraska Extension in Cheyenne County (Lynn McKinney)
- Nebraska Extension in Fillmore County (Brandy VanDeWalle)
- MacDon (Nathan Mitchell) & SAFE Work Manitoba
- Myrtue Medical Center (Sue Hough)
- Noble Research Institute (Robyn Peterson)
- North Dakota Farm Bureau (Emily Every) & Betaseed (Cody Lehman)
- Nutrien (Rose Lecky)
- Oxford Frozen Foods (David Powers)
- Penn State University (Linda Fetzer)
- Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibits (Glen Duck)
- South Dakota State University Extension (John Keimig)
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Deaf Smith County Extension/4-H (Amalia Mata)
- The Wonderful Company (Jose Perez)
- Union Des Producteurs Agricoles (Denis Roy, Marie Menard & Isabelle Sautiol
- University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture - Lonoke County Extension/4-H (Sara Beth Johnson)
- University of Illinois Extension in McDonough County (Lisa Torrance)
- University of Kentucky Extension - Marion County (Chastin Miracle)
- Walker County School in Lafayette, Georgia (Wendy Matteson)
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (Sandy Miller & Desiree D'Souza)
Progressive Agriculture Foundation Recipient of CAIP Workshop Grant

Marshfield Clinic Research Institute recently identified the six recipients of their Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention (CAIP) Workshop Mini-Grants. Participants of the National Children Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS) CAIP Workshop held in Marshfield, Wisconsin last August were encouraged to apply with a project inspired from the two-day educational event.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation CEO, Brian Kuhl, and Education Content Specialist, Jana Davidson, both participated in the workshop. PAF’s project, "Initiating the Conversation: Developing Educational Resources Supporting Rural Families," was selected to receive mini-grant funding in the amount of $5,000. The project’s focus will be on the development of educational resources to aide in sometimes difficult conversations regarding agricultural safety and health-related topics. The resources will address day-to-day safety concerns and challenges for rural families. The project will concentrate on the most relevant incidents resulting in agricultural injuries and fatalities among children and adults living and working on farms and in rural areas. Jana Davidson will serve as the principal investigator. Click here for a list of other grant recipients, including Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator, Rebecca Wirkus.

NCCRAHS will be continuing to host a series of Child Agricultural Injury Prevention Workshops. This workshop is ideal for farm organizations, insurance professionals, agribusiness, bankers and lenders, healthcare providers, Extension, FFA Advisors, public health officials and media. Space is limited to 60 participants. Early-bird registration is $199, regular registration is $249 and there are multiple grants available for workshop participants. Workshops will be offered at the following locations:

- Des Moines, Iowa on June 23-24, 2019
- Lexington, Kentucky on August 6-7, 2019
- Hershey, Pennsylvania on September 17-18, 2019

For more information or to register, click here.

Jeanette Dame of TransCanada Joins PAF Board of Directors

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to welcome, Jeanette Dame of TransCanada to its Board of Directors.
Jeanette represents one of the three positions on the board reserved for sponsors of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.

Jeanette manages the Public Awareness Program for TransCanada. In this role, Jeanette leads and develops the overall Public Awareness Program strategy, designed to provide safety and awareness communications to affected public, excavators and contractors, emergency officials, public officials, local One-Call Centers and any other stakeholders who may interact with TransCanada personnel or are directly impacted by TransCanada facilities or operations; thereby protecting the public, the environment and our facilities. The Public Awareness Program applies to all of TransCanada’s pipeline assets in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico and involves programs, procedures and actions that are considered essential to meeting regulatory requirements and that align with continually improving public awareness practices in areas where TransCanada has assets.

Previously, as Senior Community Partnership Advisor for USA and Mexico, Jeanette was responsible to develop, implement and manage strategic community partnerships relevant to business priorities throughout the U.S. and Mexico.

Jeanette joined TransCanada in 1988 as a summer student and as a full-time employee in 1992, with over 30 years of experience in the areas of system design, industry relations, community involvement and program management. Jeanette holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Calgary and a Bachelor of Education Diploma from Red Deer College.

Click here for a full listing of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board Members.

Welcome, Jeanette!

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**CS-CASH Grant Helps PAF Create Valuable Digital Resources**

Collaborations and funding support through the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health’s Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) assisted in the development of more than 25 digital resources. The resources aim to demonstrate how to build a prop for various farm safety and health-related topics, along with demonstrating how to use the prop to effectively teach children at Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.

Our project, *Creating Enduring Resources for Farm Safety Education*, will assist Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinators, and volunteer presenters, along with other agricultural educators. The digital collection highlights more than 10 specific safety topics including grain, silage, tractor rollover, power take-off, ATV, disability awareness, personal protective equipment, water, and hearing. The resources bring blue prints and designs to life, guiding visual learners in observing the process and assembly first-hand.
In 2018, project was highlighted through presentations at the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) Conference, National FFA Convention, National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Convention, and the Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health (MRASH) Conference.

The digital resources are available on the PAFSafetyDays YouTube Channel. Click here to view the full playlist.

PAF Staff Highlights

In October, Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® participated in the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. PAF exhibited in the SAY (Safety in Agriculture for Youth) and CareerSafe Online’s Safety Area, "Make Safety A Reality & Don't Be A Fatality," where we welcomed visits from FFA members, FFA advisors, Ag teachers and parents from across the United States. With the support of CHS, Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® also conducted a teacher workshop session. Our session, "Creating Enduring Resources for Farm Safety Education: A digital resource collection to aid youth in hands-on learning," focused on an overview of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program and the resources provided to communities that host an event. Additionally, Jana Davidson and Cindy Lengel-Russ participate in Grow by FarmHer’s Breakfast.

On November 8, Brian Kuhl and Bernard Geschke, traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to take part in National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) Trade Talks. During this event, Brian and Bernard were able to highlight what children learn while attending a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® to various media outlets around the country.

In late-November, Jana Davidson, Brian Kuhl and the PAF Board Members, took part in the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Convention in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to holding the annual winter board meeting and exhibiting at the NAAE Organizational Members & Business Partners Reception, Jana Davidson conducted two workshop sessions with Dr. Laura Rice, Assistant Professor of Community and Leadership Development, and graduate student, Rachel Hinton, both of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Support for the convention and workshop supplies was made possible through grant funding provided by Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention (SCAHIP).

On January 16, Bernard Geschke represented Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® at an Ag Appreciation Dinner in Council Bluffs, Iowa hosted by our partners and supporters Bunge, SIRE. LLC, and Arbor Bank. During the event, Bernard
accepted a check for $100 from Arbor Bank to help send more children to Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.

On February 28 & March 1, our Development Specialists, Cindy Russ and Gary Templeman, attended the 2019 Commodity Classic in Orlando, Florida. Commodity Classic is farm-led and farm-focused. Many of our current sponsors host a booth at the event, allowing the development team to meet with those sponsors and share program updates and highlights. The event also provides a platform to meet with many prospective program sponsors, all in one location.

In March, all Progressive Agriculture Foundation staff gather in Nashville, Tennessee to take part in a 3-day staff retreat. The staff finalized plans for events taking place in 2019 and looked ahead by planning for 2020. The following week, Brian Kuhl, Jana Davidson and Sarah Pilgreen traveled to Lanham, Maryland to meet with our t-shirt and take-home bag supplier and warehouse, API.

Safety Tip - Poison Prevention

Did you know unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 44 and continue to be the fifth leading cause of death overall, according to the National Safety Council? In 2016, nearly 69,000 deaths were related to poisoning. Every day, more than 300 children in the United States, ages 0 to 19, are treated in an emergency department as a result of being poisoned.

At Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, chemical safety continues to be one of the most popular topics offered reaching more than 50,000 youth participants and adult volunteers in 2018. Our latest blog post, Let's Call Your Attention to the Importance of Poison Prevention, highlights National Poison Prevention Week, held annually during the third week in March, and offers important safety tips to keep children and families safe.
Also, check out our radio interview with Jesse Stewart of KGLO AM-1300 in Mason City, Iowa.

For more safety tips, be sure to stay connected with us via social media:

- LIKE us on Facebook
- FOLLOW us on Twitter
- FOLLOW us on Instagram
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- SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube Channel
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## You Shop and Amazon Gives!

Whether spring cleaning or spring shopping on-line with Amazon, you can give back to the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days every time you make a purchase. The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is recognized as a charitable organization through AmazonSmile, the same Amazon you know and love with the same products, same prices, & same service. Each time you make a purchase using AmazonSmile and select the Progressive Agriculture Foundation as the charity of your choice, Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases back to us! Hurry and sign-up today by following these simple steps:

1. Go to [https://smile.amazon.com/](https://smile.amazon.com/)
2. Sign-in or create an account (AmazonSmile works with Amazon Prime memberships)
3. Search & select "Progressive Agriculture Foundation," as your charitable organization
4. Start your shopping!

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