



**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.**

Sponsor Spotlight

**PAF Welcomes GROWMARK as a New Partner**



The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to announce their new partnership with GROWMARK, Inc. GROWMARK has joined as a 2-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program providing \$25,000 in support for 2016.

GROWMARK is an international agricultural supply cooperative with \$8.8 billion in sales (FY15 data), providing agronomy, energy, facilities, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services in more than 40 states and Ontario, Canada. GROWMARK owns the FS trademark, which is used by affiliated companies to serve more than 250,000 customers throughout North America.

"The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program offers essential training to keep children safe in rural environment, including those activities that take place on and around the farm," says Amy Bradford, Manager of The GROWMARK Foundation. "GROWMARK and its FS member cooperatives support the efforts of Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Program to ensure children understand how to safely live and grow in rural communities and on the farm. We are proud to partner with this prestigious program."

For more information on GROWMARK visit [www.growmark.com](http://www.growmark.com)

**Welcome Gary Templeman as PAF Development Specialist**

Please join us in welcoming Gary Templeman of Elkton, Kentucky to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) staff.



In the role of Development Specialist, Gary will be working with our current sponsors and building new partnerships. Prior to joining PAF, Gary worked for the University of Kentucky as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent in Logan County, Kentucky. He holds Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from Murray State University in Organizational Communications and Public Relations.

Gary is no stranger to the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. He has been a coordinator and presenter for his local Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® for more than a decade.

Gary is known for his up-beat and energetic personality as well as his passion for finding the best local food. In his spare time, he enjoys time outdoors whether it's on his boat at the lake, blasting through single-track on his mountain bike, or hiking a local trail. I know you will enjoy working with Gary. His passion for and knowledge of the program are infectious!

For more about Gary, [click here](#).

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### CHS Inc. & CHS Foundation Strengthen Partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

This year alone, the CHS Foundation will help more than 8,000 kids learn about safety and health education by becoming a 5-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program for 2016. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative.



"CHS and the CHS Foundation are committed to making the agriculture industry safer for today's producers and the next generation of those working in agriculture and rural communities," says Linda Tank, Senior Vice President, CHS Communications and Public Affairs. "We are proud to expand our partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation® and support their efforts in making rural life safer for children."



Safe children and safe communities are important to CHS and the CHS Foundation. Over the past 16 years, CHS has shown its commitment to safety in rural communities by supporting the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. With their 2016 contribution, CHS and the CHS Foundation have contributed more than \$680,000 towards helping keep kids safe in rural communities with the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. At \$12 per child, CHS and CHS Foundation have

helped more than 56,000 kids learn life-saving safety and health lessons.

On June 14, CHS hosted their [2nd Annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®](#) at the Olmstead County Fairgrounds in Rochester, Minnesota. Nearly 60 children spent the

day learning that not only is farm and home safety important, but it can also be fun. Brian Kuhl, PAF Board President, served as lead Safety Day Coordinator and had the help and support from several CHS employees and community volunteers.

For more information on PAF's partnership with CHS and the CHS Foundation, [click here](#).

Coordinator Corner

### Kayla Hinrichs Distributes ATV Helmets to local Safety Day Participants

On June 7th, Kayla Hinrichs coordinated her annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® for Ord, Nebraska. Thanks to generous support from local sponsors, Kayla was able to offer participants something unique and special this year. Along with volunteer FFA members, Kayla was able to distribute nearly 200 ATV helmets to the Safety Day participants.



"We are truly blessed to have wonderful sponsorship to do so many neat things for the youth and hopefully we will have many safe children as a result. Thank you Progressive Agriculture Foundation for the amazing things you are doing to positively impact lives!"  
Kayla Hinrichs, Safety Day Coordinator

According to Kayla, the success of this endeavor is largely due to the help of her co-coordinator, Bev Smedra. Distributing the helmets was Bev's idea and she wrote many grants to make this happen.

In 2015, ATV Safety was offered at 56% of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days and curriculum was updated with the support of the Iowa Farm Bureau.



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### Agrium Recognized in Canada for their Sustainability Efforts

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation's 5-star partner, Agrium, was recently recognized twice for outstanding efforts in Corporate Sustainability.



First, the company was one of five organizations that received a Canadian Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Award. In the second case, Corporate Knights, the Magazine for Clean Capitalism, ranked Agrium 16th in its annual list of the Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada. For more about Agrium's

recognition, [click here](#).

Congratulations Agrium of these two well-deserved honors!



## 2017 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Applications are due by July 15, 2016

The application deadline for both new and re-occurring Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is July 15, 2016.

Learn more about coordinating a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® by visiting our [website](#) or calling us at 888-257-3529. To locate an application, [click here](#). Returning coordinators have access to applications from their coordinator homepage.

2017 will mark the 23rd year of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.

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### Items Needed for PAF's 2016 On-line Auction

**SAVE THE DATE.....the 2016 Progressive Agriculture Foundation's On-Line Auction is set to kick-off on October 14!** This is a great way to get the jump start on your holiday shopping, as well as help support a great cause - the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program!



The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is hoping to make this the best auction yet and is looking for items to include this year. From beautifully hand-crafted jewelry to theme park tickets, children's toys & games and various safety-related items, we aim to include something for everyone.

**If you are willing to donate an item, please contact Cindy Lengel-Russ, PAF Development Specialist, at [cruss@progressiveag.org](mailto:cruss@progressiveag.org) by September 1, 2016.**

Please stay tuned for more auction details in the next Safety Day Sentinel!

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### Safety Tip - First Aid Kits

Assemble or purchase first aid kits and place them in several places, such as each tractor, combine, truck, car, barn and house. Last year, First Aid was a topic at 42% of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days throughout North America. During many of the safety stations offering this topic, participants learned to assemble their own first aid kits to take home.



Learn more about safety and health-related topics on our Safety and Health for Rural Families WordPress Blog at <http://progressiveagsafetydays.wordpress.com>

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

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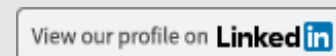
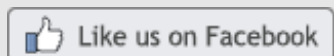


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