Check out the latest news and highlights from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

**Safety Day Sentinel**

*News from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation*

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**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.

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**Save the Date for 2017 PAF Sponsor Reception**

Plans are underway for a Progressive Agriculture Foundation Sponsor Reception, which will be held during National FFA Convention on **Wednesday, October 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Corydon Room at the Hilton Downtown Hotel, 120 W Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.**

Please look for a formal invitation with more details in the upcoming weeks.

We hope to see you this fall in Indianapolis!

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**2018 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Applications Due by July 15**

The application deadline for both new and re-occurring Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is **July 15, 2017.**

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.

2018 will mark the 24th year of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.
PAF Welcomes Farmland Partners as a New Partner for 2017

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is excited to announce a new partnership with Farmland Partners, Inc. We proudly welcome Farmland Partners this year as a 2-Star partner with a sponsorship of $25,000.

Farmland Partners Inc. is an internally managed, publicly traded (NYSE: FPI) real estate company that owns and seeks to acquire high-quality farmland throughout North America addressing the global demand for food, feed, fiber and fuel. We take pride in our heritage in farming, and we see the partnership with our farmer tenants as key to our long-term success. We work with our tenant base to lower their input costs and improve our farms, as a result increasing both their profitability and ours.

As of May 8, 2017, Farmland Partners owns or has under contract over 154,000 acres located in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. The land is currently being farmed by more than 110 tenants who grow more than 30 major commercial crops.

"We see creating and promoting a culture of safety among youth working in agriculture as a safeguard to our future and to the future of our farming partners, which is why we have chosen to partner with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation." Shannon Mlsna, Director of Purchasing for Farmland Partners, Inc.

For more on Farmland Partners, Inc., visit farmlandpartners.com

2016 PAF Annual Reports are Now Available

From special achievements and accreditations to new partnerships and opportunities, 2016 proved to be another successful year for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Our 2016 Progressive Agriculture Foundation is now available on our website.

- To view the Annual Report, click here
- To print the Annual Report, click here

A very special thank you to Colle+McVoy and Exponent PR for helping create this beautiful report. We were recently informed that our 2015 PAF Annual Report was named best annual report in the region at the Minnesota PRSA Classics Awards held in Minneapolis on April 20, 2017. The PRSA Classics recognizes outstanding public relations tactics and campaigns, with work submitted from many large agencies and corporations in Minnesota. Click here to read more.

PAF Welcomes Wilbur-Ellis as a New Partner for 2017

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation proudly welcomes Wilbur-Ellis as a contributing sponsor.
Founded in 1921, the Wilbur-Ellis companies are leading international marketers and distributors of agricultural products, animal feed and specialty chemicals and ingredients. By developing strong relationships, making strategic market investments and capitalizing on new opportunities, the Wilbur-Ellis companies have continued to grow the business with sales now over $3.1 billion. Marketing crop protection products, fertilizer and nutrition, seed and seed treatment, and field technology services, Wilbur-Ellis' Agribusiness generates more than $2.1 billion in sales revenue annually with 160 branch locations throughout the United States.

“We are proud to support Progressive Agriculture's mission to educate children and young people on how to stay safe on farms, ranches and rural areas. It is both an honor and a responsibility as partners in our communities to support this noble effort. No family or child should suffer from preventable illnesses, injuries or the unimaginable loss of life in this righteous environment. Together, we can prevent these devastating events.” Eiman Badr, CSP, EHS&S Director, Wilbur-Ellis Company

For more on Wilbur-Ellis, visit ag.wilburellis.com

Contest with OutdoorHub

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is excited to be part of a non-profit contest with OutdoorHub, a publication of our media sponsor Carbon Media Group. OutdoorHub is your resource for outdoor enthusiasts seeking hunting, fishing, shooting sports, survival tips, news, reviews and more.

Voting in this contest is easy! Simply go to www.outdoorhub.com/donations/, log-in via Facebook and VOTE for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. Please share with your friends and family and encourage them to vote for our cause. You only get one vote, so make it count. The charity with the most votes each quarter gets a check for $2,500. Also, one lucky random voter gets to give an extra $500 to a charity of their choice.

Continuing a Legacy of Farm Safety Education

As you are probably aware, last summer the Farm Safety For Just Kids (FS4JK) program announced it would dissolve after nearly three decades of farm safety education and outreach. In doing so, all assets and resources have been transferred over to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF).

The April issue of DTN/ The Progressive Farmer magazine highlighted FS4JK's legacy and PAF's continuation of their mission to make agriculture safer for youth. To read more about this
Davidson Serves on AgInjuryNews.org Steering Committee

Progressive Agriculture Foundation's Education Content Specialist, Jana Davidson, was selected to be part of the National Farm Medicine Center's AgInjuryNews.org Steering Committee.

Agriculture continues to be the most dangerous industry in the United States, with a child dying on a farm every three days, according to the 2017 Childhood Agricultural Injuries Fact Sheet compiled by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Despite this, federal surveillance programs were discontinued several years ago, leaving regional efforts to analyze multiple sources (e.g. news clippings, police blotters) and to manually compile data on injuries and fatalities occurring on agricultural operations. AgInjuryNews.org, the largest known dataset of publicly available U.S. news reports, is filling a gap for safety stakeholders. The team plans to continually enhance their existing database, containing more than 3,000 articles, by improving user experience through new features and options, and by building machine learning technology to assist in locating, mining, categorizing, and capturing agricultural injury and fatality news reports. Current funding for this project is provided by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS) and the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America's (ASHCA) safety grant program.

Recently, a cross-sector national steering committee was assembled to guide future efforts of AgInjuryNews.org and to help improve digital surveillance methods and the data available for risk managers, insurers, researchers, data specialists, and other agricultural safety stakeholders. The committee, which Jana Davidson serves on, held their first face-to-face meeting on April 27, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Bryan Weichelt of National Farm Medicine Center serves as the principal investigator of the project.

Extending the Impact

Tammie Stutts has been trying to reach children - mostly fifth graders - in Northeastern Louisiana for more
than 20 years as a Farm Bureau and Progressive Agriculture Foundation volunteer. She and her daughter have coordinated 21 Progressive Agriculture Safety Days since 1997. When a fifth grader in their small community got severely injured in a farm incident, the whole community knew about it and was praying for him. Jacob Ross had a remarkable recovery and was in attendance at Tammie's Safety Day in May 2011.

"Anytime you can hear someone's personal story or journey," Tammie said. "It's not just statistics or it happened to them. It's a personal touch, with people you know. The year he was a fifth grader and told his story it really impacted those kids. This is someone my age, living the life I live and part of my community."

Tammie worked with Jacob's grandma, who was a fifth grade teacher in their community, to help Jacob share the traumatic experience with his peers. He has come back to Tammie's Safety Days a couple more times, helping kids understand how quickly things can go wrong when around farm equipment if you aren't careful. Jacob's story was featured in a Bunge calendar when a child at Tammie's Safety Day colored a picture about what he learned.

As a mother and farmer, Tammie is keenly aware of the importance of safety on the farm. It was at a Safety Day in 2016 that Tammie heard Amanda, Jacob's mom, share her side of the story. Tammie thought more people needed to hear it. After she reached out to Bernard Geschke, PAF Program Specialist, they found an author to help Amanda get her experience in print. Click here to learn more about the book that will be released June 22, 2017.

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**Safety Day T-shirt Design Focuses on Safety Items and PPE**

Check out the 2017 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® T-shirt Design.

This year's theme, "Stop! Look! Think Safety!" incorporates a variety of safety items and personal protective equipment (PPE) for participants to identify. Safety items to locate include a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, sunscreen, wide-brim hat, roll-over protection structures (ROPS), helmet, flag on ATV, goggles, ear protection, slow-moving vehicle (SMV) sign, gloves, cell phone and more. What can you find?

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**Safety Tip & Social Media**

The National Safety Council, along with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, works to raise awareness of what it takes to Keep Each
Other Safe, which is this year’s theme of National Safety Month celebrated in June. Our latest Safety & Health for Rural Families Blog post, "For National Safety Month, Let’s Keep Each Other Safe," focuses on reducing the leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. 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
- FOLLOW us in LinkedIn
- SUBSCRIBE to our Safety and Health for Rural Families WordPress Blog

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