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

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.

13-Year Sponsor, Bunge, Celebrates 200 Year Milestone

For two centuries, Bunge has helped the world grow by bringing food from where it is grown to where it is needed, efficiently, reliably and sustainably. We are at home on the farm, in the city and everywhere in-between. As we mark our bicentennial in 2018, Bunge celebrates our past and looks ahead to a better future, reinventing and renewing ourselves to meet the ever changing needs of a growing world.

Beginning in 2006, the initial partnership formed between Bunge and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. As a 5-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program, Bunge has donated more than $2 million in support allowing more than 162,000 children and adults to partake in hands-on safety and health education. Bunge’s now 13-year support of our mission has helped our program surpass more than 1.6 million individuals reached in North America. Since 2007, Bunge has hosted 95 Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®. These Safety Days held in 11 U.S. states and one Canadian province have reached a total of 22,755 youth participants and adult volunteers. In 2018, Bunge is planning 13 Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, which could reach up to 4,830 children and adults. From grain bin to chemical safety, Bunge offers important topics in a fun, safe and hands-on way. Bunge has opened their doors to bring our Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator Trainings in various locations throughout North America hosting 4 training sessions in 2018 in Crete, Nebraska; Decatur, Alabama; Decatur, Indiana; and Chesterfield, Missouri.

"While the world has changed a lot in the last 200 years,
what hasn’t changed is Bunge’s commitment to keeping our colleagues, their families and their communities safe,” said Geri Hayes, Vice President of Human Resources, Bunge North America. “Bunge is proud to support the Progressive Ag Foundation because its philosophy of helping children stay safe on the farm, at school or anywhere they go.”

Be sure to check out our page in the July 2018 issue of DTN/The Progressive Farmer for a special highlight of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation's partnership with Bunge. For more on Bunge, visit www.bunge.com.

2017 Accomplishment Highlighted in PAF Annual Report

From special achievements and opportunities to new partnerships, 2017 proved to be another successful year for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Our 2017 Progressive Agriculture Foundation Annual Report 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 the amazing team at Colle+McVoy and Exponent PR for helping create another beautiful report for the fourth consecutive year.

National Crop Insurance Services and Rain & Hail, LLC Partner in Support of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®

National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS), an international not-for-profit organization representing the interests of private crop insurance companies, recently selected the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) as their selected charity for the Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention.

"Each February, NCIS selects an ag-related charitable organization to feature during the Crop Insurance Industry Annual Convention. Attendees are provided information on the charity, and encouraged to provide donations to the organization. We have supported several ag-related charities during past conventions and were pleased to feature Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® during the 2018 Convention" said Tom Zacharias, President of National Crop Insurance Services. "Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® are critical in teaching farm safety to children, whether they reside on a farm or visit one occasionally. Preventing tragedies through educating parents and children is something that we can easily support and we look forward to working with the organization again in the future." In total, NCIS donated $1,455 in an effort to send more children to Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.

With a matching donation from Rain and Hail of Johnston, Iowa, in the amount of $2,450, the crop insurance industry raised $4,900 for Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.
during the 2018 convention. Rain and Hail, a 1-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, is one of 15 private insurance companies providing crop insurance to America's farmers and ranchers, is a member of NCIS, and annually sponsors a matching donation to the designated Convention charity."

"Rain and Hail values the important work and mission of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation," states Dave Schuler, National Marketing Manager at Rain and Hail. "We were happy to recommend, help raise awareness and sponsor Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® through the NCIS fundraiser."

Learn more about National Crop Insurance Services at www.ag-risk.org and Rain and Hail at www.rainhail.com

**Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinators Present at National Extension Risk Management Conference**

Long-time Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinators and West Virginia University Extension Agents, Jodi Richmond and Brian Sparks, presented a poster session at the 2018 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference. The conference was held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 11-12, 2018.

The Extension Risk Management Education National Conference brings together public and private sector educators, crop insurance agents, lenders, and other agricultural professionals to share ongoing and emerging successful risk management education efforts that target agricultural producers and their families. Conference participants learned about what is working to help producers effectively manage the financial, production, marketing, legal and human risks associated with their agribusinesses.

The poster presentation was titled, "**Partnering with the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Program to Teach Children to Mitigate Risk and Prevent Injuries: A Study of How West Virginia Compares to National Statistics.**" The poster helped answer the question of why we offer risk and injury prevention education to children and compared national program statistics with West Virginia.

"Brian and I were very excited to share the Progressive Agriculture Foundation's mission with other educators and document some of the impact coordinators have made on the safety of rural youth." says Jodi Richmond, Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator in West Virginia.

Thank you Jodi and Brian for your commitment to safety and your dedication to our program by sharing this project with others.

**CHS Seeds for Stewardship: Growing Support of Hometown Communities**
Our 5-star sponsor, CHS, Inc., is strengthening rural communities with funding for projects supported by local cooperatives.

In 2017, CHS Stewardship launched the Seeds for Stewardship program to help CHS owners grow their local impact. The new competitive matching grants program allows cooperatives the opportunity to apply for matching funds up to $5,000 for local projects. In the inaugural SFS grant cycle, CHS Stewardship awarded more than $95,000 in matching grants to support more than 30 projects in 14 states across rural America.

The current application cycle is May 1 to July 1, 2018. For more information on CHS Seeds for Stewardship, click here and watch for upcoming issues of C Magazine to learn more about some of the projects that were supported.

RFD-TV Helps PAF Deliver Timely Safety Messages

Since March, our media sponsor, RFD-TV is helping the Progressive Agriculture Foundation deliver important and timely messages through three to four minute safety segments. To date, topics have included Calling 811 Before You Dig, Spring Planting, Agritourism, Memorial Day Safety, Chemical Safety and a general overview of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Interviews take place every other week and air live during RFD-TV’s Rural Safety segment.

To view the video clips on our website, click here or to subscribe to our ProAgFound YouTube Channel, click here.

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, 2018.

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.

2019 will highlight a special milestone marking our 25th year of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.
Unverferth Joins PAF as Contributing Sponsor

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation welcomes Unverferth Manufacturing Co., Inc. as a contributing sponsor for 2018 with their donation of $2,500.

Unverferth Manufacturing Company, Inc. has been serving America's farm operations since 1948. They began with the manufacture and marketing of dual and triple wheel systems and components. The impact of this innovation is evident today on over 90% of North American farms and since expanded into the world market. Unverferth is a leading manufacturer and marketer of tillage equipment, pull-type sprayers, fertilizer applicators, hay and grain handling equipment, and agricultural dual and specialty wheels. The family owned atmosphere which promotes pride in product quality and value is as prevalent today as it was over 65 years ago.

In 2017, to support efforts in teaching grain safety, Unverferth Manufacturing Co., Inc. donated a new resource to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. A gravity flow wagon, used as a realistic prop for grain safety demonstrations at Progressive Agriculture Safety Days, is housed with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) in Peosta, Iowa. This prop is available for loan for use at Progressive Agriculture Safety Days.

For more on Unverferth, visit [www.unverferth.com](http://www.unverferth.com)

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Child Agricultural Injury Prevention Workshop Slated for August

Learn how you can help safeguard children and youth who live, work, and play on farms and ranches. The information and resources shared in this workshop can be used to develop and enhance child agricultural safety strategies for your organization. The workshop will be held August 14-15, 2018 at the Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, Wisconsin and is hosted by the National Children's Center for Rural Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS).

This workshop is ideal for farm organizations, insurance professionals, agribusiness, bankers and lenders, healthcare providers, Extension, FFA Advisors, public health officials and media. Hurry, the space is limited to 60 participants.

[Click here](http://www.nccrahs.org) for more information or to register for the workshop.

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Glacier FarmMedia Recognized as Media Sponsor in
The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), along with Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF), is pleased to celebrate its partnership with Glacier FarmMedia and its publications Alberta Farmer Express, Manitoba Co-operator, Grainews and Le Bulletin des agriculteurs. 2018 marks the third year that Glacier FarmMedia has supported CASA initiatives as a media sponsor, advertising and celebrating both the Back to Ag Program and Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.

CASA's Back to Ag Program is a funding project focused on supporting the cost of adaptive technology for farmers that have experienced a traumatic injury. The program supports successful applicants through the purchase of specialized equipment or the adaptation of existing equipment that will help them get back to work on the farm safely. Since 2002, CASA has been working with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation to support farm education for rural Canadian youth through Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® events, reaching over 127,000 Canadian children and participants.

"We've heard from farmers that they prefer to receive safety information from organizations they have a relationship with, says Marcel Hacault, CASA's Executive Director. "Glacier FarmMedia's trusted ag publications are a great way to get CASA's program information to agricultural communities and to farmers."

Glacier FarmMedia's Alberta Farmer Express, Manitoba Co-operator, Grainews and Le Bulletin des agriculteurs feature advertisements for both the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days and Back to Ag programs for a total value of $78,000 CAD. "Glacier FarmMedia believes everyone in the agricultural industry has a role in keeping farm families safe," says Farrah Wilson, Glacier FarmMedia's Sales & Marketing Co-ordinator. "We are pleased to support Back to Ag and Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®."

For more on Glacier FarmMedia, go to www.farmmedia.com

Welcome Silveus Crop Insurance

We want to welcome Silveus Crop Insurance as a contributing sponsor of Progressive Agriculture Foundation for 2018 with a $500 donation.

Based in Warsaw, Indiana with locations in Texas and Colorado, Silveus Crop Insurance was born into an era of innovation and in the decades since have always pushed to be at the forefront of the advancements in farming; always developing and adapting their knowledge, their products & services, and their technology for 75 years.

For more information on Silveus Crop Insurance, visit www.silveuscropins.com

PAF Staff Stays Busy Traveling this Spring

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation staff has been busy this spring attending conferences, events and meetings held throughout North America over the past few months. Here are a few of them:
March
- PAF Annual Staff Retreat & Susan Reynolds-Porter Retirement Celebration in Birmingham, Alabama (All Staff)
- Visit with API (PAF t-shirt and take-home bag vendor) in Lanham, Maryland (Brian Kuhl & Jana Davidson)
- Commodity Classic in Anaheim, California (Cindy Lengel-Russ and Gary Templeman)

April
- The National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) Conference in Kansas City, Missouri (Cindy Lengel-Russ and Gary Templeman)
- Monthly High Five for Crop Production Services Employees in Loveland, Colorado (presented by Filemon Guzman, PAF Board Vice-President)
- Penn State 4-H Extension Annual Conference - State College, PA (Jana Davidson)
- Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Meeting in Owensboro, Kentucky (Gary Templeman)
- Visit with Sire, LLC - Council Bluffs, Iowa (Bernard Geschke)
- Visit to Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin to meet with farm safety & health specialists from the National Farm Medicine Center and the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (Brian Kuhl)

May
- Penn State Ag Safety Expo - State College, PA (Jana Davidson)
- Progressive Agriculture Safety Days hosted by Bunge - Council Bluffs, Iowa (Bernard Geschke)
- Video Shoot for CS-CASH Grant at Asmark Institute's Agricenter in Bloomington, Illinois (Jana Davidson, Bernard Geschke, Jane Graves (PAF Board Member & Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator), Amy Rademaker (Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Coordinator), Tim Berry, John Peters, Kathy Moan, Mary Kirby, and Daniel Gaither (special guests from the USDA Illinois Farm Service Agency and Premier Cooperative, Inc.)
- CS-CASH External Advisory Board Meeting - Omaha, Nebraska (Bernard Geschke)
- Safety for Agriculture in Youth (SAY) Steering Committee Face-to-Face Meeting - Washington, D.C. (Brian Kuhl)
- Northeast Ag Safety & Health Coalition (NEC) Meeting at NYCAMH in Cooperstown, New York (Jana Davidson)
- Sponsor Visits in Alberta, Canada (Cindy Lengel-Russ and Brian Kuhl)

If you are interested in us participating in an agriculture safety and health event for your organization, please contact PAF Interim Chief Executive Officer, Brian Kuhl, at 888-257-3529 Ext. 701 or bkuhl@progressiveag.org
Congratulations to our Winners of our Safe Travels Contest

To kick-off the summer season, we recently held a social media contest and gave away a Safe Travels gift set just in time for the busy travel season. The prizes, valued at more than $100, included a $25 Starbucks gift card, GoToob (carry-on approved, no drip travel squeeze tube), Green Goo travel pack (including: Dry Skin, Skin Repair, Pain Relief, & First Aid), Lewis N Clark small expandable packing cube, Lewis N Clark FeatherLight tri-fold travel wallet, and Lewis N Clark mini cross body bag (with RFID blocking).

Congratulations to Safety Village of South Dakota for being our lucky winner and Connie Merritt of West Virginia for being our runner-up and receiving a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day t-shirt.

Thanks to all that participated in our contest. Stay tuned for details on a future contest later this year!

Safety Tip - June Safety Month

It's June, which means it is time to celebrate National Safety Month! During the entire month of June, the National Safety Council, along with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, is challenging you to think of at least one change you can make to improve safety. Click here to check out our Safety & Health for Rural Families Blog post, "It's National Safety Month: Let's Vow to Improve Safety So "No 1 Gets Hurt."

Click here to listen to our recent interview with KGLO AM-1300.

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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