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.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days Selected as 2019 National Safety Council Green Cross Award Winner

Outstanding achievements in safety were recognized at the Green Cross for Safety Awards celebration held on May 16 at the Swissotel in Chicago.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®, a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation®, took home the National Safety Council’s Green Cross Safety Advocate Award.

This prestigious award recognizes the advancement of evidence-based best practices to raise awareness or change policy to prevent further injuries and deaths. The annual celebration of safety, put on by the National Safety Council, 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 Green Cross Safety Advocate Award was sponsored by FirstGroup, a leading provider of transport services in the UK and North America.

“To be recognized with a National Safety Council Award is validation of the hard work by many in the name of safety, both inside and outside the organizational setting,” says Amy K. Harper, PhD, CSP, SMS director of workplace strategy and consulting operations, National Safety Council. “Those dedicated to safety as a profession are passionate advocates for improvement and are skilled leaders and listeners. It is our hope that recognition of excellence in safety will not only encourage other companies to emulate what works, but provide a benchmark and inspiration for what is possible.”

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation was recognized for its recent project, Creating Enduring Resources for Farm Safety Education, funded by the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health’s Central States Center for Agricultural Safety
"Looking back to the early 1990s, the foundation for our program began," shared Kuhl. "Jack Odle, then the editor-in-chief of The Progressive Farmer magazine, became frustrated writing about heartbreaking incidents causing injury and death among farmers and farm families, which were shared through the magazine’s series called 'Our Deadly Harvest.' Jack vowed to lead an effort to help reduce these occurrences, gathering several agricultural safety and health professionals to make a positive change."

"This is a recognition of the past 25 years of growth and a rallying cry for the next 25 - a step that brings us closer to our vision of living in a world where no child will ever become ill, suffer an injury or die from farm, ranch or rural activities,” said Kuhl.

Other award recipients included Nationwide, which took home the Safety Excellence Award, and Schneider, which earned the Safety Innovation Award. For more on the event and the award winners, visit greencross.nsc.org.

For the full press release, click here.

Let's Celebrate! Join us at a Reception highlighting Progressive Agriculture Safety Days 25-Year Milestone

There is still time to RSVP for our 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.

To RSVP to the reception, click here.

2018 Accomplishments Touted in Annual Report

From special achievements and opportunities to new partnerships, 2018 proved to be another successful year for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Our 2018 Progressive Agriculture Foundation Annual Report is now
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 fifth consecutive year.

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**Apply Today! Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®**

**Applications Deadline is Quickly Approaching**

Looking to bring an age-appropriate, educational, hands-on, fun and safe event for your local community?

The application deadline for both new and re-occurring Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is **July 15, 2019**.

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.

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**PAF Welcomes Enbridge to the ranks of 4-Star Sponsor of Progressive Agriculture Safety Days**

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation® is pleased to announce Enbridge's support of youth safety through a $60,000 donation. Enbridge, a leader in the safe and reliable delivery of energy in North America, has joined as a 4-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program in 2019.

Enbridge plans to work with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) to amplify its safety messages in the communities it serves and beyond, as well as support PAF's mission of providing education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

"At Enbridge, nothing is more important than safety - it's at the heart of everything we do. It's about more than just our operational safety, it's also about the safety of our communities. We invest in organizations and initiatives that make impactful and sustainable changes in their communities and commend the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program." said Roxanna Benoit, Enbridge's vice president public affairs, communications & sustainability.

Enbridge's vision is to be the leading energy delivery company in North America. They deliver the energy people need and want—to heat their homes, to keep their lights on, to keep them mobile and connected. Energy-related topics highlighted at local Progressive Agriculture Safety Days like electricity safety and underground utilities safety, including the potential dangers of underground natural gas pipelines and field lights.
Agriculture Safety Days like electricity safety and underground utilities safety, including gas leak recognition and safe digging, will be strengthened thanks to Enbridge’s partnership.

"Enbridge’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 and, above all, safe manner that they will remember long after the event concludes." said Brian Kuhl, chief executive officer, Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

For more on Enbridge, [click here](#).

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**Progressive Agriculture Foundation Welcomes Polaris as a Contributing Sponsor**

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to welcome Polaris as a Contributing Sponsor with a donation of $10,000 to the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Their support this year will help send close to 800 children to a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® and continue to bring ATV safety to the forefront in rural and farming communities.

For more than 60 years, Polaris has been making high-quality, breakthrough products—whether it's launching the snowmobile industry, reinventing ATV categories year after year, developing the first purpose-built military vehicles or introducing a radical 3-wheel motorroadster. From their entrepreneurial roots as a mechanical shop, they have grown into one of the world's largest Powersports companies. In recent years, Polaris expanded beyond Powersports into adjacent markets, like boats. Today, Polaris offers a diverse portfolio of best-in-class brands.

"At Polaris, we are extremely committed to the safety of our customers and riders. Through increased efforts to promote and enhance consumer awareness, Polaris continues to work for a safe riding experience. Through our partnership with Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®, youth participants will receive vital safety education delivered through fun, hands-on and age-appropriate activities and demonstrations. These activities will assist children in making safe decisions on or around off-road vehicles," according to Dana L. Anderson, Community Relations Manager for Polaris Foundation.

For more information on Polaris, visit [www.polaris.com](http://www.polaris.com).

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**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 a child to a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®?
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. You can make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one! 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 in a payment directly to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, P.O. Box 530425, Birmingham, AL 35253

AgCountry Farm Credit supports Progressive Agriculture Safety Days as a Contributing Sponsor

With a donation of $5000 to support Progressive Agriculture Safety Days, we welcome AgCountry Farm Credit Services as a contributing sponsor for 2019.

AgCountry Farm Credit Services is a member-owned, locally-governed lending institution that provides credit and financial services to more than 18,000 farmers and ranchers in eastern North Dakota, western Minnesota and central Wisconsin. They also provide agribusiness loans and leases nationwide.

Headquartered in Fargo, North Dakota, AgCountry has managed assets in excess of $7 billion and nearly 600 employees. Offices are maintained in 37 locations throughout their territory to provide customers with convenient access to local staff as well as to their products and services.

"Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is a great way to illustrate the importance of farm safety to children," said AgCountry Farm Credit Services CEO Marc Knisely. "We are proud to sponsor this fun and interactive program. Teaching kids about farm safety at an early age will pay dividends throughout their entire lives."

AgCountry is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperative financial services institutions that serves rural America. The primary goal of the System is to support rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services, today and tomorrow.

For more on AgCountry Farm Credit Services, click here.

Safety Tip - National Safety Month

June is upon us, 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, encourages you to learn about a new safety topic each week and we challenge you to adopt safer practices while at home, work or at play.

- Week 1 focuses on Hazard Recognition
- Week 2 focuses on Slips, Trips & Falls
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Week 3 focuses on Fatigue
Week 4 focuses on Impairment

Check out our blog post, **It's National Safety Month: Creating a Safety Culture Starts with YOU!**, for safety tips around these key topics. Click here to listen to our KGLO AM 1300 Radio Interview with Jesse Stewart.

Tune into **RFD-TV** every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Central during June to catch an interview with Progressive Agriculture Foundation, as they share Safety Tips on the week’s topic!

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 on LinkedIn
- SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube Channel
- SUBSCRIBE to our Safety and Health for Rural Families WordPress Blog

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**You Shop and Amazon Gives!**

Whether shopping for the perfect Father’s Day gift or stocking up on your summer essentials 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 choice.

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!
5. Tell a friend!

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