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

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

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Apply TODAY to host a 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Wow! What a crazy year it has been. Do you know what is helping us get through it? Looking forward to next year! Applications to host a 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day are now open and are due July 15, 2020. To access a 2021 application, please click on the button below.

[Apply Here]

Wondering what is NEW and EXCITING for 2021?
- We have developed new, age-appropriate curriculum around emerging issues like vaping awareness and mental well-being/stress management.
- All coordinator trainings are online and in a new format! There will be no face-to-face trainings this season. New coordinators will have a self-paced training course and all coordinators will participate in an online webinar. This allows more flexibility and an opportunity to receive training on your own time! Dates and times are being finalized and will be available soon, so stay tuned.

Click here to access our recent press release.

For questions or to verify your submission of a 2021 application, please reach out to Sarah Pilgreen at safetyday@progressiveag.org or 888-257-3529 ext. 700.
Cheers to 25 Years: Annual Report Highlights Program’s Milestone

From purposeful partnerships and special recognition, to outreach efforts and the program’s continued presence throughout North America, 2019 was truly a year of celebrations.

The program’s 25-year success story in achieving their mission was recently touted in the 2019 edition of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation’s Annual Report, which is now available on our [website](#).

- To view the report, [click here](#).
- To print the report, [click here](#).

Special thanks to the team at Colle+McVoy and Exponent PR for helping us create another beautiful report for the sixth consecutive year.

PAF Hires Marketing Communications Intern

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program is pleased to announce the hiring of our first-ever Marketing Communications Intern, Abigail George.

Abby resides in Mondovi, Wisconsin and is currently studying both Agricultural Business and Agricultural Marketing and Communications at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She is also minoring in Animal Science. Her role this summer includes working to develop a new training platform, generating media content, and supporting the Progressive Agriculture Foundation staff in a variety of daily tasks and projects. Please join us in welcoming Abby to the team this summer. Abby can be reached via e-mail at ageorge@progressiveag.org.

Navigating through COVID-19 Challenges

Like many others, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program was not immune to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, when we learned of school closures and restrictions in place for numerous states and provinces, along with recommendations from the CDC, we knew many of our upcoming spring events would not happen as planned. Knowing that more children than ever before would now be home for spring planting season and likely helping on the farm, we sought out new ways to continue our mission and deliver timely, hands-on safety and health messages and offer resources for both parents and teachers.
From March 18th through May 24th, we offered Daily Learning Drops. A new video (or resource) on a different safety and health topic was delivered via Facebook each day. To see the full listing of the Daily Learning Drops series, click here. Also, check out our playlist on either Facebook or YouTube.

With the cancellation or postponement of many events, we decided that if the children cannot experience a Safety Day in-person this year, we will bring aspects of the Safety Day to them! On June 18th, we piloted a Virtual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) in Peosta, Iowa. The virtual event is a condensed, two-hour on-line experience for elementary school-aged children. Virtual Safety Day will be an option for our trained coordinators to utilize for the remainder of 2020. We are also planning to hold public viewings during National Farm Safety and Health Week, held September 20-26, 2020.

Also, with several conference and farm shows going virtual this summer, we are actively offering recorded webinar sessions and virtual hands-on demonstrations.

Safety Tip – Always Wear the Gear on your ATVs and UTVs

According to the 2020 Fact Sheet from the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS), transportation incidents (including tractors, ATVs, and UTVs) are among the most fatal for youth in agriculture. What is the most heartbreaking of all, with these statistics, is the fact that many of these incidents could have been prevented.

Does your child know what gear they should wear when they hit the trail? Is their ATV or UTV both age and size appropriate? Do they know how to operate the ATV and maneuver up and down hills correctly? Being able to answer these questions before they turn the key and start the engine is an important component in your child’s safety and well-being while riding. A special thank you to our 4-star sponsor, Polaris, for partnership on this initiative. Check out our latest Safety and Health for Rural Families blog post, Always Wear the Safety Gear: Learn the Golden Rules for ATVs and UTVs.

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

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