



**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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## PAF Welcomes Yamaha a New Partner for 2017



The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is excited to announce a new partnership with Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative. We proudly welcome Yamaha this year as a 3-star partner with a sponsorship of \$40,000.

Sponsor Spotlight

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, (YMUS) a leader in the motorsports market, makes the toughest, most capable and versatile ATV and Side-by-Side vehicles. The company's ever-expanding product offerings also include motorcycles, outboard motors, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, boats, outdoor power equipment, accessories, apparel and much more. YMUS products are sold through a nationwide network of dealers in the United States.

"Yamaha is committed to the safe, responsible use of off-highway vehicles and the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days program offers an effective way to promote OHV safety to an important audience: ag families with children and young adults," said Steve Nessler, marketing manager, ATV and SxS Division for Yamaha Motor Corp., USA. "The partnership between the Progressive Agricultural Foundation and Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative will afford the opportunity to provide relevant OHV safety and land stewardship education to current and future OHV users."

Headquartered in Cypress, California, since its incorporation in 1976, Yamaha also has facilities in Wisconsin and Georgia, as well as factory operations in Tennessee and Georgia. For more information on Yamaha, visit [www.YamahaMotorsports.com](http://www.YamahaMotorsports.com)

In January, PAF Development Specialists, Gary Templeman and Cindy Lengel-Russ, enjoyed visiting Yamaha during the 2017 SHOT Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. We are excited about our new partnership for 2017!



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## M. Susan Jones Joins PAF Board



We are pleased to welcome Dr. M. Susan Jones as the newest member of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board of Directors.

Dr. Jones is Professor Emerita in the School of Nursing at Western Kentucky University (WKU) and is currently working part-time in the WKU Institute for Rural Health. She earned her BSN from the University of Tennessee in Memphis, MSN from Vanderbilt University, and PhD from the University of Cincinnati. Her research and practice focuses on improving the health of rural populations

including agricultural workers and their families.

Since 1993, Dr. Jones has provided leadership in the formation and sustainability of a community-based organization, The Kentucky Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety, Inc. This not-for-profit organization has established multiple community partnerships with the common goal of promoting the health and safety of farmers and their families. Dr. Jones and the Kentucky Partnership have conducted Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® since 1995. Dr. Jones takes the place of Dan Neenan in the role of safety and health specialists.

For distinguished service to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board, we want to recognize Dan Neenan of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) in Peosta Iowa. Neenan served as a Board Member from 2010 to 2016. Throughout his six years of service, he was active on several committees and served in the role of Secretary/Treasurer.



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## Kansas Teen Honors Late Uncle with Donation to Bunge's Safety Day

Jentry Seichepine, a senior at Jefferson County North High School in Winchester, Kansas, had never heard of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®, but learned the value of teaching safety when she lost an uncle in a farming incident in May of 2016. Seichepine's uncle, Allen Lockin, better known in the community by the nickname "Farmer," was

performing a task he had performed countless times before when tragedy struck. Lockin, a lifetime farmer, was in a hurry and was not quite as focused on the task at-hand.



For her senior project at school, Seichepine organized a 5K race, an activity Allen's wife, daughters and Seichepine's mother enjoyed participating in. She planned the 5K during her uncle's favorite time of year - harvest! Seichepine went far beyond her teachers expectations for the project and raised \$6,300 in her uncle's memory. All proceeds were donated to the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in Atchison, Kansas, co-sponsored by Bunge Milling and Atchison Hospital. Shane Gierstorf, environmental health and safety manager at the Bunge facility in Atchison, is working with Seichepine to identify the best way to use the funds.

Seichepine's project not only helped honor and preserve her late uncle's memory, but it also made her family more passionate about safety.



*Pictured from left to right: Jennifer Brockhoff of Atchison Hospital, Jentry Seichepine and Shane Gierstorf of Bunge Milling.*

## Thank You to our 2017 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator Training Hosts



The 2017 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinator Training season concluded. A total of 384 lead coordinators and 101 assistant coordinators were trained at one of our 36 training sessions. Additionally, we welcomed 9 guests. We want to send out a special thank you to the 2017 training team, which included Glen Blahey, Louis-Charles Boisvert, Scott & Julie Ferry, Dave & Shari Kuther, Dan Neenan, Sharry Nielsen, Jana Davidson and Bernard Geschke.

Additionally, we want to thank our 2017 Coordinator Training hosts for securing facilities, providing lunch and handling various other training logistics. Our 2017 training hosts and contacts include:

- Agricenter International (Tim Roberts)
- Agrium (Rose Lecky)
- Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies (Tim Carson & Lisa Hardy)
- Asmark Institute (Allen Summers & Chelsea Owen)
- Bunge (Jackie Dargin & Loretta Romanic)
- CHS, Inc. (Brian Kuhl & Tera Fair)
- Enbridge (Lorna St. Thomas)
- Farm Credit Illinois (Amy Rademaker)

- Hamilton County Conservation District (Kathy Acre)
- Jones County Soil & Water Conservation District (Debra McGee)
- Louisiana Land Bank (Tammie & Blake Stutts)
- Lower Colorado River Authority (Jesse Tarin)
- MacDon (Nathan Mitchell)
- Merced County Farm Bureau and American AgCredit (Dori Silva & Loren Scoto)
- Monsanto (Khris Jinks)
- National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (Dan Neenan & Gloria Reiter)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health & West Virginia Farm Bureau (Dr. David Hard & Laura Himes)
- Nicholas County Schools (Paula Hunter)
- North Carolina State University - Warren & Edgecombe County Extension (Crystal Smith & Tanya Heath)
- North Dakota Farm Bureau (Emily Every) and Betaseed (Cody Lehman)
- Overton County Soil Conservation District (Twyla Whited)
- Oxford Foods (David Powers)
- Penn State Extension in Lycoming County (Jeanette Blank)
- Randolph County Soil & Water Conservation District (Andrea McKeown)
- Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies & Exhibitions (Glen Duck)
- Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Swisher County (Glenda Gibson & Calley Runnels)
- The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation (Robyn Peterson)
- UNION DES PRODUCTEURS AGRICOLES Maison de l'UPA (Diane Fortin)
- Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (Sandy Miller)

***Pictured above are coordinators trained at the Owensboro, Kentucky training on January 12, 2017. Pictured to the left are coordinators that participated in the London, Ontario training held on October 25, 2016.***



## **IntelliFarms Partners Joins PAF as a New Sponsor for 2017**

**Sponsor Spotlight**

With a sponsorship of \$3,000, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation welcomes IntelliFarms as a new contributing sponsor for 2017.



**INTELLIFARMS®**

Based in the small town of Archie, Missouri, IntelliFarms is nestled among the rural communities it serves. Since 2001, IntelliFarms has been in the business of utilizing data and technology to bring efficiencies to the farm, most notably in grain bin storage management through the company's original product, BinManager. In addition to grain storage management, IntelliFarms offers technology solutions that help farmers make key decisions, including which seed to select, where to focus irrigation efforts, when to harvest and when and where to take grain to market for highest profit. With all these solutions working in unison with one another through IntelliFarms' SureTrack platform, farmers bring safe and quality grain to market and can partner with processors to ensure a consistent, quality supply chain.

One of the pillars of IntelliFarms is safety. The company designs products to deliver information and minimize actions that could put people at risk. For example, IntelliFarms' grain storage management products accurately assess moisture and temperature in the grain bin and help manage against spoilage, keeping farmers out of the bin and out of harm's way. IntelliFarms believes in empowering farmers through education. The company holds dozens of workshops across the country to discuss

how various ag technologies can bring efficiencies and safety to the farm, and strategies to improve on-farm practices such as grain storage management.

Through its award-winning products and support, IntelliFarms strives to provide solutions that inspire growth on the farm and protect the successes that farmers have experienced. For more information in IntelliFarms, visit [www.intellifarms.com](http://www.intellifarms.com)



On February 8, PAF Development Specialist, Gary Templeman, presented at the IntelliFarm's 2017 Tech Summit in Kansas City, Missouri. We appreciated the invite, hospitality and opportunity to partner on farm safety this coming year!

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## PAF Staff & Board Meet in Cocoa Beach

On February 13th through 15th, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation held their annual Staff Retreat in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The retreat was held in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board of Directors meeting on February 16th & 17th.

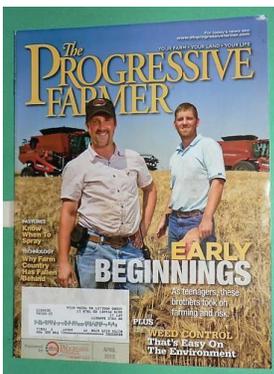


Plans are underway for a [Progressive Agriculture Foundation Sponsor Reception](#) held during National FFA Convention this [October 25-28, 2017](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

***Please stay tuned for an official SAVE THE DATE and additional details in the upcoming months.***

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## Advertisement Space for DTN/The Progressive Farmer Still Available



We have one remaining item from our 2016 PAF On-line Auction still available. DTN/*The Progressive Farmer* graciously donated advertisement space in their publication to the Safety Day program. This space is valued at more than \$12,000 and is perfect for an ag-related business or organization.

If you have interest, questions or would like to purchase the ad space, please contact PAF Development Specialist, Cindy Lengel-Russ at [cruss@progressiveag.org](mailto:cruss@progressiveag.org) or 888-257-3529 Ext. 704

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## Safety Tip & Social Media

Each March, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recognizes National Nutrition Month®

with an education and information campaign. This effort serves as a reminder that each one of us hold the tools to make healthier food choices. Our latest Safety & Health for Rural Families Blog post, "[It's National Nutrition Month: Put Your Best Fork Forward.](#)" reminds us to make healthy choices when it comes to diet and exercise. For more safety tips, be sure to stay connected with us via social media:



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- FOLLOW us on [Twitter](#)
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- FOLLOW us in [LinkedIn](#)
- SUBSCRIBE to our Safety and Health for Rural Families [WordPress Blog](#)

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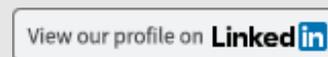
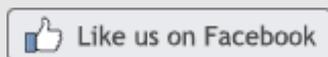
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