



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.

Sponsor Spotlight

PAF Welcomes BASF Canada as a New Partner

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to announce their new partnership with BASF Canada. BASF Canada has joined as a 2-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program in 2016.



BASF Canada, headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, is a subsidiary of BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany and an affiliate of BASF Corporation, Florham Park, New Jersey. BASF has nearly 17,000 employees in North America, and had sales of \$19.3 billion in 2013.

"While farming is one of the biggest and most important jobs in our country, it's also one of the most dangerous. We see it every day and it really hits close to home - which is why all of us at BASF are so committed to affecting positive change. BASF is supporting safety days across Canada to help raise awareness and promote a culture of safety on our farms and in our rural communities," said Melissa Parkinson, a BASF Business Representative based in Saskatchewan.

At BASF, they create chemistry and have been doing so for 150 years. Their portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products and crop protection products to oil and gas. As the world's leading chemical company, BASF combines economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Through science and innovation, they enable their customers in nearly every industry to meet the current and future needs of society. Their products and solutions contribute to conserving resources, ensuring nutrition and improving quality of life. BASF has summed up this contribution in our corporate purpose: they create chemistry for a sustainable future. BASF had sales of about €74 billion in 2013 and over 112,000 employees as of the end of the year.

More information on BASF is available at www.basf.us (United States) or www.basf.ca

Susan Reynolds-Porter Named Recipient of the Maynard Coe Professional Development Award



Susan Reynolds-Porter, chief executive officer of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation®, was honored as the recipient of the Maynard Coe Professional Achievement Award. Reynolds-Porter received recognition during the 2016 [International Society of Agricultural Safety and Health \(ISASH\)](#) Conference banquet held in Lexington, Kentucky, in June.

"Susan's passion for the mission to provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities is contagious. She is able to have all this impact because she knows everyone who has ever done a Safety Day on a personal level. She connects with them and shares her passion to help children and create a safer future," said George Cook, ISASH Awards Committee chair.

The award's namesake, Maynard Coe, served as director of the Farm Division of the National Safety Council for 20 years, and in that capacity he enlisted the help of dedicated people at universities and farm and agricultural organizations in establishing farm safety as a recognized profession. From the beginning, he was an inspiration to farm safety specialists and educators, giving them advice and encouragement. Later, when numbers increased, he urged the group to form their own professional organization.

For the full press release on Susan's recognition [click here](#).

2015 PAF Annual Report Now Available On-Line

Be sure to check out all the highlights of our milestone 20th anniversary year in the 2015 Progressive Agriculture Foundation's Annual Report. A very special thank you to Colle+McVoy and ExponentPR for helping create this beautiful report.

[Click here](#) to access the 2015 PAF Annual Report for viewing or for the printable version, [click here](#).



Katie Schroeder Receives Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award

Congratulations to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation's Board Vice-President, Katie Schroeder, on being named the recipient of the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award.

The Governor's Volunteer Award program was established in 1982 to honor and recognize the commitment,

service and time that hundreds of volunteers contribute each year to meet community challenges; making our cities, towns, schools, and our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family. The program provides an easy, non-competitive and low-cost way to honor individuals or groups who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, creativity, cooperation, and

hard work through their volunteer service with a prestigious state-level recognition award. Awards are presented during recognition ceremonies held each spring at several locations around the state.



Katie was recognized for her amazing community involvement. She currently resides on the Dixon Memorial Park Board, as well as the Board of Directors for Community Action of Eastern Iowa, a non-profit that provides education, financial assistance, and child care resources to individuals and families to promote self-sufficiency and quality care for children. She is active in Junior Achievement of the Heartland, the United Way, and various FFA Alumni Associations, where she judges at sub-district, district and state competitions (both Iowa and Illinois) and will serve as a judge at National FFA Convention this fall. In addition to serving on the PAF Board, she is volunteering at a local Safety Day in Eastern Iowa held each June.

For more information, [click here](#).

Still Seeking Items for PAF's 2016 On-line Auction



SAVE THE DATE.....the 2016 Progressive Agriculture Foundation's On-Line Auction is set to kick-off on October 14! This is a great way to get the jump start on your holiday shopping, as well as help support a great cause - the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program!

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is hoping to make this the best auction yet and are looking for items to include this year. From beautifully hand-crafted jewelry to theme park tickets, children's toys & games and various safety-related items, we aim to include something for everyone. If you are willing to donate an item, please contact Cindy Lengel-Russ, PAF Development Specialist, at cruss@progressiveag.org by **Friday, September 30, 2016**.

Please stay tuned for more auction details.

2016 Fact Sheet for Childhood Agricultural Injuries in the U.S. Released

Every 3 days, a child dies in an agriculture-related incident, and each day, 33 children are injured according to the 2016 Childhood Agricultural Injuries in the U.S. Fact Sheet compiled by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety in Marshfield, Wisconsin. The leading sources of fatalities are machinery (25%), motor vehicles/ATVs (17%) and

drowning (16%). Some trends since the last fact sheet was released in 2014:

1. Among household youth on farms, injury rates increased in the 10-19 age group, despite a continued overall decline in the rate of childhood agricultural injuries (which also includes hired youth and visiting children).
2. While overall numbers of farm injuries are declining, injuries to household youth have held steady.
3. From 2003 to 2010, among workers younger than 16 years, the number of worker fatalities in agriculture was consistently higher than in all non-agricultural industries combined.



"There is no central database on childhood agricultural injuries," said Barbara Lee, Ph.D., director of the National Children's Center. "In putting together this fact sheet we draw upon the best available data from a variety of sources." To access the Fact Sheet [click here](#).

For the most recent agricultural injury and fatality statistics for Canada, [click here](#).

Farm Safety for Just Kids Donates Assets to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation



On July 25, 2016, it was announced that the Farm Safety for Just Kids (FSFJK) organization was to dissolve after nearly 3 decades. FSFJK has helped hundreds of communities prevent childhood ag-

related injuries and deaths.

We are honored that FSFJK decided to donate their assets to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF). These funds will be used to help us provide the training, resources and support needed for even more communities to conduct Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® for children.

The entire PAF staff thanks all the Farm Safety for Just Kids chapters and volunteers for all that you do to save lives and prevent injuries in your community. PAF hopes we will have the privilege of welcoming all current FSFJK's chapters to be part of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® family.



Safety Tip - Reflecting on 2016 Farm Safety & Health Week

Each September, during National Farm Safety & Health Week (FSHW), we are reminded of the importance of keeping safety in mind all the time. Last week, we celebrated FSHW and focused around the theme, "**A Legacy to be Proud of!**"

Sadly, the statistics are devastating! Every 3 days a child dies and every day 33 children are injured due to agricultural-related incidents. Protecting our future generation needs to be a top priority! Avoid cutting corners, slow down and take a more patient approach to prevent injuries and



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fatalities on the farm. [Click here](#) for 3 tips to help protect our future generation of farmers.

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

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- FOLLOW us on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/pafsafetydays/>
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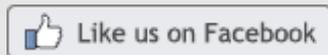
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