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.

You're Invited! The 2017 PAF Sponsor Reception is set for October 25

Join us for the 2017 Progressive Agriculture Foundation Sponsor Reception, which will be held during the 2017 National FFA Convention on Wednesday, October 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Corydon Room at the Hilton Downtown Hotel, 120 W Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Kindly RSVP by October 11, 2017 to Cindy Lengel-Russ or Gary Templeman

PAF Wins Contest with OutdoorHub

Thanks to the outpouring of support and votes from our amazing Safety Day coordinators, sponsors and friends of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, we are excited to announce that we were victorious in winning the first quarter of OutdoorHub’s non-profit contest. OutdoorHub is a branch of our media sponsor Carbon Media Group.

For obtaining the most votes in the quarter, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program will receive $2,500.
PAF Welcomes Green Goo as a New Partner for 2017

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is excited to announce a new partnership with Green Goo By Sierra Sage. We proudly welcome Green Goo this year as a contributing partner with a sponsorship of $1,000.

Sierra Sage is a women-owned and family operated business. All Sierra Sage products are made in the USA with 100% all natural herbs and oils. They started small, making products for friends, family, and the local farmers market. As they have grown, they remain committed to their roots: a time honored infusion process, high quality ingredients, and simple, effective products. They continue to support the community around us and provide personalized customer service. They move forward with a deep commitment to making pure products safe for you, your family, and the environment while making a positive impact on the planet. Sierra Sage is a certified B Corp®, an acknowledgment of the company's commitment to social and environmental ethics, transparency and accountability.

"The Green Goo team feels passionate about getting children outside and on the farm to learn about natural living while educating them on cleaner and more sustainable products during their adventures. We hope our efforts will further enhance Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® experience, education and health for children and their communities around the country." Jodi Scott, CEO & Co Founder

For more on Green Goo, visit greengoohelps.com

Peterson Bros. Farm Tour Celebrates "Call Before You Dig" Message

Did you know three farmers a day hit underground pipelines and utilities? Did you know hitting an underground pipeline or utility can cause serious injury or knock out service for an entire community? Agriculture Safety Advocates and YouTube stars, Peterson Farm Bros., want to help farmers with an important message in their new music video for their song, "Call Before Ya Dig"

On August 11, 2017, also known as 811 day, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation participated in the Peterson Farm Bros. Annual Farm Tour. This year, the farm tour had a focus on safety and revolved around the importance of calling 811 before you dig! PAF Program Specialist, Bernard Geschke, and long-time Safety Day Coordinator, Sharry Nielsen, traveled to Assaria, Kansas and helped promote the importance of ATV and underground utilities safety.

A special thank you to the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), Pipeline Operators for Ag Safety (POAS), Pipeline Association for Public Awareness (PAPA), CHS, Inc., and the Peterson Farm Bros. for including the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program in this event.
PAF Welcomes SIRE, LLC as a New Partner for 2017

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation proudly welcomes SIRE, LLC as a contributing sponsor in 2017.

SIRE, an Iowa limited liability company, was organized on March 28, 2005 by 19 individual farmer/investors for the purposes of raising capital to develop, construct, own and operate a dry mill corn-based ethanol plant near Council Bluffs, Iowa. These original 19 sought to create a state of the art ethanol facility in their southwest region of Iowa and create a local market for their farm products, to participate in the growth of the ethanol field and provide a dried distillers grain w/soluble (DDGS) resource in the area. The investors in SIRE shared the mission of creating additional resources for increasing energy independence for the nation.

SIRE is designed to process approximately 44 million bushels of corn per year into approximately 125 million gallons of ethanol and 365,000 tons of DDGS. The facility also produces wet distillers’ grains and corn oil, and has a co-location agreement with a plant purchasing CO2 and another plant purchasing corn oil.

"SIRE is committed to being involved in our community, where we can we support efforts that strengthen our families, agriculture, safety and opportunities for children. Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® is a win-win for our area communities, promoting safety, children and agriculture. We are proud to be an active and supporting member." Brian Cahill, CEO of SIRE, LLC

For more on SIRE, visit sireethanol.com

Safety Hits Home for Brian Kuhl and CHS, Inc.

"By introducing kids to safety practices early, we're raising awareness and influencing the next generation to operate safely and be safety leaders in their community." According to Brian Kuhl, Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board President

Recently, Brian was featured in an article, "Safety Hits Home," for the July/August 2017 issue of the CHS Magazine. In this article, Brian shares how his passion for farming combined with personal experiences, helped lead him to his current safety-focused leadership role on the Progressive Agriculture Foundation Board of Directors.

CHS., Inc. and CHS Foundation is a 5-star partner of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. Their generous support over the past 16 years has helped more than 56,000 youth attend a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in their local community. In addition to sponsoring and supporting various Safety Days across North America, a total of five Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® will take place at a CHS location in 2017.

To read the full article, click here. Also, watch Brian share more about Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program in this video.
Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines Help Kids Do The Job Safely

It is well known that work is good for youth, and that agriculture provides opportunities to develop work skills and gain an appreciation for the land. It is also well known that the farm worksite is dangerous, resulting in numerous injuries and fatalities to working youth.

Since 2001, there has been a steady decline in the number of non-fatal injuries to farm youth. Despite this, every 3 days in the United States, a youth dies in an agricultural incident. For youth younger than 16 working in agriculture, the number of fatal injuries is consistently higher than all other industries combined. The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, working with a coalition of farm and ranch parents, and high-profile agricultural organizations, has released the first 20 in a set of 50 Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines. The guidelines are designed to assist parents and supervisors in assigning appropriate tasks for youth who live or work on farms and ranches.

A Steering Committee was formed to help guide the project. Participating organizations included farm and ranch parents, American Farm Bureau Federation, National FFA, 4-H, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Penn State University, Utah State University, Progressive Agriculture Foundation, COUNTRY Financial, New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service, Cullars Farms, Wisconsin Young Farmer and Agriculturalists, and others. Support for Agricultural Youth Work Guidelines came from CHS Foundation, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and generous donors to the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety.

"Too many of these injuries and deaths are associated with youth performing agricultural work that does not match their development level/abilities," said Marsha Salzwedel, project leader and youth agricultural safety specialist at the National Children's Center. "These guidelines help parents and supervisors determine if a youth is able to safely perform various farm tasks."

Click here for the full press release or to access the newly updated guidelines, visit https://cultivatesafety.org/work/

PAF Receives Grant from DuPont Pioneer

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation recently received a $1,000 grant from DuPont Pioneer to support the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. The funds will provide supplies and resources needed to help local Safety Days throughout North America.
Pioneer makes contributions to community-based organizations on behalf of the business and employees. Consideration for outreach grants is given to communities where Pioneer sales representatives, DuPont Pioneer employees and customers live and work and that support quality-of-life initiatives to create an improved, sustainable lifestyle for people worldwide.

Highlights from the 2017 ISASH Conference

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation's Bernard Geschke and Jana Davidson were among the total of 139 attendees from 4 different countries spanning across 3 continents that gathered in Logan, Utah for the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) Annual Conference held June 25-29, 2017. This year's conference theme was, "Gaining Elevation: Reaching New Heights for Agricultural Safety and Health." Concurrent and plenary sessions, guest speakers, various committee meetings, and tours motivated attendees to move mountains, reach their peak performance and rise to greatness.

During the conference, Geschke and Davidson offered two oral presentations. One presentation focused on information on hosting a local Safety Day and another detailed a recent evaluation study with Dr. Debra McCallum, and the University of Alabama Institute for Social Science Research, focusing on Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® youth participants and adult volunteers.

Congratulations goes out to Amy Rademaker, farm safety specialist with Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety and long-time Safety Day coordinator, who was voted into a leadership role with the ISASH Board of Directors. Additionally, Amy was also the recipient of the 2017 ISASH Practitioner Achievement Award. A special welcome to new ISASH member and long-time Safety Day coordinator, Jesse Tarin. Kudos to PAF Board Member, Aaron Yoder, on a successful term as 2016-17 ISASH President and Michael Pate, Utah State University and the planning committee for all their hard work on a great conference. For more information on the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH), visit isash.org
PAF Attends Various Farm Shows

From Pennsylvania to Nebraska, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program was active in several recent farm shows.

On August 17th, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program was featured at Penn State's Ag Progress Days held in Rock Springs, Pennsylvania. Safety Day Coordinators and Penn State Extension staff, Amy Murphy and Alyssa Sharp, operated our booth and focused on teaching sun safety. Youth participants had the opportunity to put together UV sun bead bracelets and families received samples of sunblock thanks to a gracious donation from our partner, Green Goo.

On August 29th - 31st, Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® was at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois. Our booth focused on grain safety thanks to props supplied by Dan Neenan and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS). In addition to PAF staff, Bernard Geschke and Cindy Lengel-Russ, we had the assistance of PAF Board Member, Jane Graves, and Safety Day Coordinator, Amy Rademaker, who both volunteered their time in our booth.

On September 12th - 14th, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program's Bernard Geschke and Gary Templeman took part in Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island, Nebraska. A new feature offered this year at the farm shows was the addition of yard signs showing support from our program partners. A very special thank you to our media partner, Farm Progress, and all our sponsors that proudly showcased their support for Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® by displaying a sign at their booth.

Safety Tip & Social Media

Did you know that September 17-23, 2017 is National Farm Safety & Health Week? As we kick-off harvest season, this week serves as a great reminder of the importance of keeping safety in mind all the time to maintain productivity and avoid injuries on farms and ranches. This year, each weekday will focus on a different topic: Monday will focus on
Tractor Safety, **Tuesday** looks at Farmer Health, **Wednesday** highlights Children and Youth Health and Safety, **Thursday** examines Confined Spaces in Agriculture, and **Friday** focuses on Rural Roadway Safety.

Be sure to check our recent blog, focusing around the 2017 NFSHW theme, "Putting Farm Safety into Practice." Additional resources, can be found at through the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) website. For more safety tips, be sure to stay connected with us via social media:

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