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## **Progressive Agriculture Safety Day Named Among Finalists for National Safety Council's 2019 Green Cross Awards**



### ***2019 Award Finalist***

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (April 24, 2019)** — Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®, a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation®, has been named as a finalist for the National Safety Council's Green Cross Safety Award for Advocacy. The advocacy category recognizes the advancement of evidence-based best practices to raise awareness or change policy to prevent further injuries and deaths.

“National Safety Council award winners don’t just aim to check off a box for safety,” says Nicholas J. Smith, Interim President and CEO of the National Safety Council. “These individuals and organizations understand that a successful day of work requires getting home safely and they prioritize safety at every level of decision-making. We are proud to honor each of our nominees and our incredible winners, all of whom are committed to working alongside the National Safety Council to eliminate preventable deaths in our lifetime.”

Progressive Agriculture Foundation is recognized for the recent project Creating Enduring Resources for Farm Safety Education, a collection of digital resources highlighting specific safety topics, including grain, silage, tractor rollover, power take-off, ATV, disability awareness, personal protective equipment, water, and hearing. The resources include instructions to help coordinators build props to effectively demonstrate proper farm and health safety strategies to children at Progressive Agriculture Safety Day events. Funding

support for this project was provided by the Central States Center for Agriculture Safety and Health and the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health.

“We were pleased to learn we are among the nine finalists for the coveted National Safety Council Green Cross Award,” shares Jana Davidson, Progressive Agriculture Foundation Education Content Specialist. “We are honored to see Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, a program that has reached more than 1.7 million since 1995, recognized by an organization whose commitment to building safer communities aligns so closely with our own mission.”

This annual celebration of safety 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 proceeds raised from this event will be used to support National Safety Council initiatives that will identify emerging safety risks at work, at home and on the road and create effective solutions through research, education and advocacy.

Other finalists in the Safety Advocacy category include the Maryland State Police Professional Development Unit and the University of Central Florida Transportation Safety Team.

Winners will be announced on May 16 during an awards celebration at the Swissotel in Chicago.

### **ABOUT PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION**

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America. Progressive Agriculture Safety Day is a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF), a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. The foundation’s mission is to provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities. In 2008, PAF was awarded the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance National Charity Seal, demonstrating its commitment to accountability and ethical practices. PAF has a 3-star rating with Charity Navigator and a Gold Seal of Transparency with GuideStar. Safety Day applications are due each July 15 for Safety Days that will be conducted the following calendar year. For more information, please visit [progressiveag.org](http://progressiveag.org).

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL**

The National Safety Council ([nsc.org](http://nsc.org)) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to eliminate preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, NSC advances this mission by partnering with businesses, government agencies, elected officials and the public in areas where we can make the most impact.

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Editorial Note: The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day logo and Safety Day photos are available upon request by calling (888) 257-3529.