



Protecting the People who Feed America

**2010 Annual Report - Stronger Together**

## Who We Are

The AgriSafe™ Network, a non-profit national membership organization, represents health professionals and educators who are concerned about the health and safety of farm families. Many agricultural injuries, diseases, and fatalities can be prevented through the delivery of agricultural occupational health services.

## Our Core Strength

Our core strength is based upon the professional standards required to deliver AgriSafe services. Only health professionals who have received extensive training in the field of agricultural health and safety earn the right to be named “AgriSafe Providers”. This is where our commitment to uphold the quality of AgriSafe services will never waiver.

## Farmers Who Feed Our Nation....

experience an increased incidence of:

- respiratory diseases
- zoonotic infections
- skin Cancer
- musculoskeletal disorders
- hearing loss
- depression
- disabling injuries
- occupational fatalities

## Our Vision

We envision a day when farmers across the county have access to highly trained AgriSafe professionals. That local AgriSafe clinician will provide superior disease management and prevention services to match the farmer’s specific exposures.

## Our Dedication

The AgriSafe Network is dedicated to supporting AgriSafe health professionals who are prepared to serve the health care needs of farmers.

Member benefits include:

- Continuing education via workshop and webinars
- Educational resources
- Technical assistance
- Marketing benefits
- Network opportunities with other clinicians and experts in the field
- Updates on cutting-edge developments in agricultural health and safety

## Our Core Values

We believe that providing occupational health services to farmers will improve the quality of their lives and those of future generations.



## President's Message:

What an exciting year! The AgriSafe Network has proven to be the leader in agricultural occupational health.. In January, during legislative sessions, AgriSafe was one of six rural health policy leaders. This speaks volumes to the voice of agricultural workers and their families.



“Historically, agriculture has always been identified as one of the most dangerous industries in the world.” That is certainly still the case today. However, many of the injuries, illnesses, and chronic health conditions common in agricultural communities, could be prevented with proper occupational health care. AgriSafe health care services reflect excellence in occupational health.

AgriSafe continues to work with other states to develop state AgriSafe affiliates. Currently, there are four state AgriSafe affiliates including Vermont, Iowa, North Carolina and Illinois. AgriSafe will continue to add further state affiliates, such as Louisiana and North Dakota as this is important to the mission of AgriSafe .

Due to the economy, many health care institutions are looking to trim the bottom line, unfortunately at the cost of education and training. By providing on-line webinars, AgriSafe has met this need through most up to date educational resources and information.

AgriSafe believes that many chronic conditions common to farmers and ranchers can be prevented with increased access to AgriSafe health services, selection of appropriate personal protective equipment, and

concise agricultural safety and health information. AgriSafe is the recognized leader in the creation of a network of rural health practitioners who offer AgriSafe health services. No other national organization builds the capacity of rural health practitioners to care for farm and ranch families.

Please consider joining our innovative network so that we may be **Stronger Together.**

AgriSafe will continue to be the voice for the people who feed America. We are strong and continue to grow.

Denise Andress, RN, BSN  
President



## Executive Director's Message:



AgriSafe was founded by rural health professionals who envisioned a better quality of care for farm families. Alone, the founders could not secure the funding and expertise to effectively serve farmers. Together, they could harness the resources and networking opportunities to advance the cause.

In 2003, our founders knew they were **Stronger Together**. That's our theme for this report. Today, we embrace the ideology of collaboration across many disciplines. There is no single expert in the field of agricultural health.

We need to join forces and advocate for better quality occupational health care. Who will be the voice for this cause? If you're working on this alone, join our Network. We need your passion, education, and experience to accomplish our shared mission. Our whole purpose is to improve the quality of life of those who put food on our table.

"Protecting the People who Feed America" That's what we do. Will you join us?

Natalie Roy, M.P.H.  
Executive Director



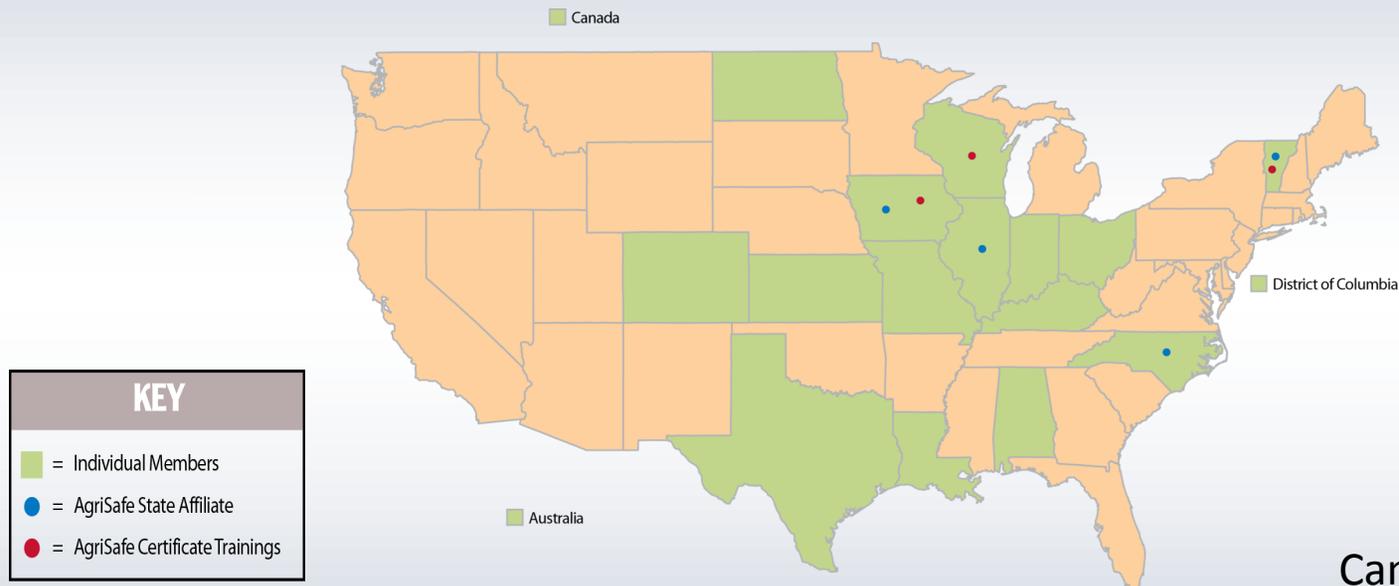
# AgriSafe Builds National\International Strength

*“AgriSafe provides a unique opportunity for us to support health and safety education and services for the “next generation” of agricultural producers and employees.”*

William J. Nelson  
VP Corporate Citizenship and President, CHS Foundation  
Inver Grove Heights, MN

*“I enjoy the webinars. They are very beneficial in working with people in the agricultural field. As a nurse practitioner the topics are useful in working with our patients.”*

Donna Gail, CNP  
East Adams County Rural Health Clinic  
Golden, IL



Members in  
17 States,  
Canada & Australia

*“I continue to use the resources available from AgriSafe in my University of IL agricultural health and safety course. Having been selected as the State of Illinois Affiliate, these resources also provide an entree to state and county agencies as materials they can access when working with the agricultural community.”*

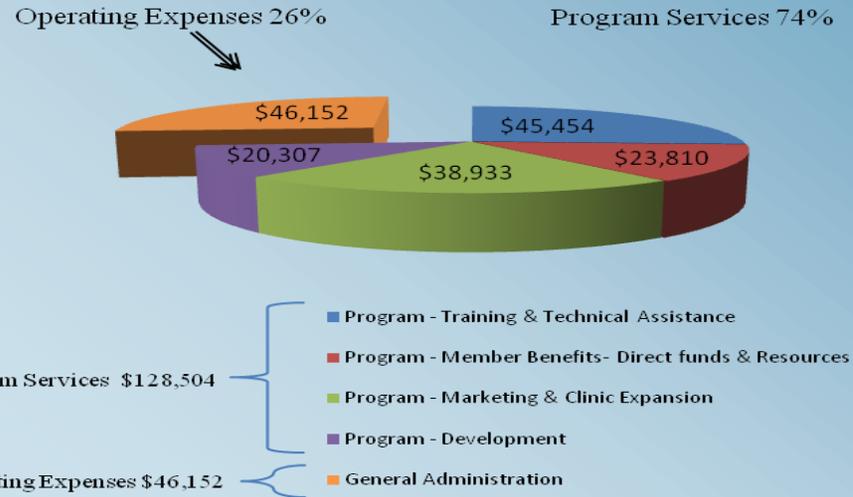
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Principal Research Specialist,  
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## 2010 Financial Statement

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Grant Income -----	\$	132,747
Sales of Safety Products -----		8,780
Membership Dues & Contributions -----		7,155
Miscellaneous Income -----		14,947
Interest Income -----		88
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE -----</b>		<b>163,717</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES -----</b>		<b>174,656</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS -----</b>		<b>(10,939)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR ---</b>		<b>23,137</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR -----</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,198</b>

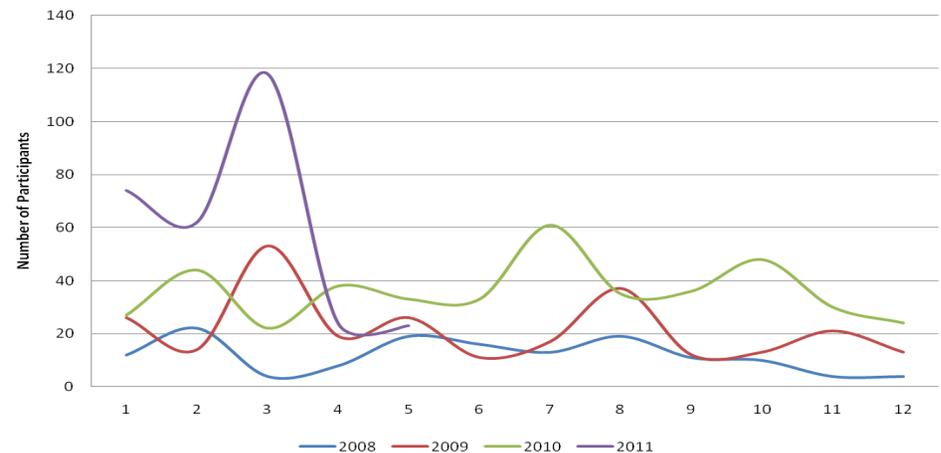
TOTAL EXPENSES = \$174,656



## Webinars:

The AgriSafe Network Webinar Series has continued to advance in attendance and quality. In 2010, twelve webinars focused on topics relevant to practitioners, providers, and educators in rural health and safety. Topics included findings from the Agricultural Health Study, interactive training modules to use with farm families, diabetes research and care, musculoskeletal injuries, and several other innovative and educational opportunities. There were more than 300 unique participants at the live webinars over the course of the year; on average, there were 36 participants per webinar. Participants were identified from 39 different US states, plus Canada, Argentina, Finland, and Norway.

AgriSafe Webinar Participants  
2008-2011  
(live webinars only)



# Program Highlights

## Winter

- Successful Farming Magazine \* (SFM) and AgriSafe develop four educational videos:
  1. Respirators
  2. Respirator Fit Testing
  3. Eye Safety Rural Health
  4. Sun Protection
- Key policy partner for the National Rural Health Association Policy Conference, Washington, D.C
- Continuing Education Webinars:
  - \* Farmworkers and Influenza: Planning for their health and safety during outbreaks
  - \* Musculoskeletal Injuries in Agriculture
  - \* Ag Injuries Cost Us All: Educating Adolescent Farm Youth and Teachers on the Economics of Injury Prevention
- Provided 375 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services.
- Illinois became the second state affiliate

## Spring

- SFM Article *What's your baseline number*
- Continuing Education Webinars:
  - \* First Aid for Farm Families: Using Interactive Modules to Improve Emergency Preparedness
  - \* AHEC: What does it mean for you?
  - \* Cancer Findings in the Agricultural Health Study
- Welcomed first time officer positions from membership
- Provided 337 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services.
- Trained 24 students at the University of Iowa's and 16 in Vermont "Agricultural Medicine- Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals."
- Iowa became the third state affiliate

## Summer

- SFM Articles
  - \* *Long Road to Health Reform*
  - \* *Holding Your Breath Wont Ward off Respiratory Hazards*
- Created respiratory display kit as clinical resource
- Trained health professionals at the National Institute for Farm Safety 2010 Annual Conference on the following topics:
  - \* Cholinesterase testing for pesticide exposure
  - \* Respiratory hazards and protection
- Continuing Education Webinars
  - \* Neurological Disease & Disorders in the Ag Health Study
  - \* The ATV Injury Epidemic
- Provided 221 hours of technical assistance to members and others interested in developing AgriSafe services.
- Vermont became the fourth state affiliate

## Autumn

- SFM Articles
  - \* *High Blood Pressure*
  - \* *Beat the Stigmas of Hearing Loss*
  - \* *Ticked off with Lyme Disease*
- Launched Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/agrisafe.network](http://www.facebook.com/agrisafe.network)
- Launched new pinpoint map feature for members
- Continuing Education Webinars:
  - \* Advancing Our Understanding of How Child Development and Caregiver Supervision Relates to Pediatric Farm Injury
  - \* Pesticides and Respiratory Health Effects in the Agricultural Health Study
  - \* Creative Rural Ministry: Addressing Health and Safety
- Provided 158 hours of technical assistance to members and individuals seeking or interested in developing AgriSafe services.
- Trained 22 students at Wisconsin Agromedicine Institute's Agricultural Medicine-Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals

\* Carolyn Sheridan, AgriSafe Clinical Director, collaborated with lead author, Cheryl Tevis from Successful Farming Magazine (SFM) in each of the SFM articles

## **PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS**

- ◆ **Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)**, Dallas Fort Worth, TX—January
- ◆ **AgConnect**, Orlando, FL—January
- ◆ **National Rural Health Association**, Washington, DC—January
- ◆ **Health, Illness and Injury in Rural America**, Tulane Rural Medical Lecture Series, New Orleans, LA—February
- ◆ **Iowa Governors Conference in Public Health**, Ames, IA—April
- ◆ **ICASH Spring Meeting**, Iowa City, IA—April
- ◆ **Farm Progress Show**, Boone, IA—June
- ◆ **National Institute for Farm Safety**, Greenville, NC — June
- ◆ **Successful Integration of Research Findings into Public Health Practice**, National Institute of Farm Safety, Wilmington, NC—June
- ◆ **Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health Forum** , Iowa City, IA—November

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Lisa implemented the AgriSafe model in her clinical practice in Shawano, Wisconsin soon after becoming certified at The University of Iowa. Lisa also pursued a PhD at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee focusing her dissertation work on patterns and predictors of preventive care services and personal protective equipment use among a cohort of farmers in Wisconsin. She has published and presented on the favorable outcomes of the Certified Safe Farm in East Central Wisconsin. Recently Lisa accepted a faculty position at the University of Wisconsin as Assistant Professor. One of her future endeavors is to introduce Agricultural Medicine training in the nursing curriculum.



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