



**Protecting the People Who Feed the World**

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### **“Every Farmer Counts” during 2020 National Farm Safety and Health Week**

Agriculture is known as one of the most dangerous industries in America and abroad. According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approximately two million full-time workers were employed in production agriculture in the US in 2018. NIOSH reported that in 2017, 417 farmers and farm workers died from a work-related injury. Transportation incidents, which include tractor overturns were the leading cause of death for these farmers and farm workers.

National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized during the third week of September for seventy-six years, since 1944. AgriSafe has organized activities to support awareness for agricultural health and safety professionals and producers alike in conjunction with organizations such as the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS). The 2020 theme **“Every Farmer Counts,”** reminds us that it is everyone’s responsibility to prioritize the issues that are faced in the agricultural community. In addition, AgriSafe is also looking at ways to reach and address more diverse audience in agriculture, including Indigenous, Black and people of color who are farmers, ranchers and farmworkers. During **September 20-26, 2020**, our free webinars will share information on tractor safety; education and tools for safeguarding our youth; COVID-19 safety guidance for agriculture; mental health; respiratory protection; and women’s health issues including back injury prevention and reducing workplace violence. Farmers, ranchers, farmworkers and their families, are exposed to a number of health and safety threats and this week we focus on education and prevention. Critical safety information will be shared by producers and field safety experts in a format that is free to all. For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit [www.agrisafe.org](http://www.agrisafe.org).

Daily Themes include Monday - Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety; Tuesday - Overall Farmer Health; Wednesday - Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture; Thursday - Emergency Preparedness in Agriculture; and Friday - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture.

AgriSafe is an international 501©3 organization representing health and safety professionals who strive to reduce health disparities found among the agricultural community. Our mission is to support a growing network of trained agricultural health and safety professionals that assure access to preventative services for farm families and the agricultural community.