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## AgriSafe's *FarmResponse* Training Joins the Suicide Prevention Resource Center's Best Practices Registry

**Covington, LA** — Farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers have high rates stress and injury, and when compared to other industries, agriculture has some of the highest rates of suicide. AgriSafe started working on something to address this situation back in 2021, and today AgriSafe Network is proud to announce that their *FarmResponse®* training is now listed on the Suicide Prevention Resource Center's (SPRC's) <u>Best Practices Registry</u>. *FarmResponse*, is a continuing education module that offers healthcare providers the full range of competencies necessary to provide appropriate behavioral healthcare for agricultural producers and their families. It is evidence-based, and to date, over one thousand healthcare practitioners have been trained in *FarmResponse* across forty-three states.

"We care deeply about the health and well-being of rural Americans," said Dr. Tara Haskins, AgriSafe's Total Farmer Health Director, "by equipping health practitioners with this knowledge, we can work together to positively impact rural health outcomes. This recognition by SPRC's Best Practices Registry supports *FarmResponse*'s credibility for organizations and healthcare providers wanting to invest in this training."

Every listing on the SPRC's Best Practices Registry has been reviewed by experts to ensure they align with the most current guidance on suicide prevention. Their goal is to increase health equity by providing access to a broad selection of programs and interventions (including upstream approaches) that use different types of evidence, such as community and culturally defined evidence, to show effectiveness.

*FarmResponse*-trained providers are now listed on AgriSafe's <u>AgriStress Provider Directory</u> - rural Americans can search this online database to find mental health professionals and other providers who understand agriculture.

If you or a loved one are having thoughts of suicide, or need someone to talk to, call or text 988 - it is free, 24/7, and confidential.

For inquiries about FarmResponse, please contact Tara Haskins at <u>thaskins@agrisafe.org</u> - for media inquiries, please contact Laura Siegel at <u>lsiegel@agrisafe.org</u>.

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## About AgriSafe Network:

AgriSafe Network is a national 501©3 non-profit that educates healthcare professionals and agricultural communities about important health and safety information for those working in agriculture, fishing, and forestry. We bring together national experts to develop educational materials that can be delivered both digitally and in-person. Our mission is to protect the people who feed the world – and in addition to education, we are cultivating a network of trained agricultural health and safety professionals that understand and support Total Farmer Health®. For more information, visit our website, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

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