

National Farm Safety and Health Week 2008

By the President of the United States

A Proclamation

Our nation depends on the hard work and diligence of our farmers and ranchers for food, fiber, commercial products and the good stewardship of our environment. As we celebrate National Farm Safety and Health Week, we give thanks for their contributions to support America's economy and well being. We renew our commitment to the health and livelihoods of American agricultural producers.

America must continue to promote the safety and health of our farmers and ranchers. It is a dangerous occupation and continues to rank among the top three most hazardous industries in this country. Education, training and availability of healthcare services are paramount in the protection of America's food producers. By working together as a nation to encourage care in use of equipment, and protective health care measures, we can help our farm and ranch families continue to be more productive than any other country in the world.

The theme for National Farm Safety & Health Week 2008 is "Farm Safely – Protect YOUR Investment." By taking care of themselves and implementing safe work practices, agricultural workers can continue to play a major role in producing quality food products and protecting America's food supplies and water resources. This is vital to the well being of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States do hereby proclaim September 21 through September 27, 2008, as National Farm Safety and Health Week. I call upon the agencies, organizations, and businesses that serve America's agricultural workers to strengthen their commitment to promoting farm safety and health programs. I also urge all Americans to honor our agricultural heritage and to recognize our farmers and ranchers for their remarkable contributions to our nation's vitality and prosperity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty second.