



Invitation to all Safety & Health Specialists

This year's theme for National Farm Safety & Health Week (NFSHW) has a focus on the foundation of agriculture throughout the world – the farm family. Although farming in many regions is moving toward large operations and corporate endeavors, a great percentage of the agrarian industry is still based in the family unit. The International Society for Agricultural Safety & Health (ISASH) continues to have the protection and well-being of farm family members as one of its guiding principles.

Each year, since 1944, the third week in September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. For **2012, National Farm Safety & Health Week is September 16 – 22**; the theme is **Agricultural Safety & Health...A Family Affair**. This recognition began as an annual promotion by the National Safety Council (NSC) and has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt who signed the first document. This proclamation appears on the White House web site the first week in September. A partner of the NSC, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), continues this tradition. NECAS has assumed the development and dissemination of informational and educational materials.

For the past few years, we have invited leaders and students in the field of agricultural health and safety to contribute articles, papers and other informative materials. Documents will be posted on the NECAS web site, www.necasag.org. They can be accessed by anyone interested in reading or downloading information to share in their communities. As a member and participant in ISASH, you have voiced a commitment to supporting the health and safety of farm families. We encourage you to write an article or public service announcement, or share a video or other resource that you have developed or use in safety promotion. Be sure there is permission to print/use if it someone else's project. Please send materials via email to Charlotte Halverson at halversc@nicc.edu or Gloria Reiter at reiterg@nicc.edu or contact us at 563-557-0354. We will begin posting information to the NECAS web site as soon as it is received. We receive several inquiries about NFSHW beginning in the early summer, so the earlier your information is posted, the more it will be utilized.

Once posted, information related to National Farm Safety & Health Week can be accessed on our home page web site, www.necasag.org. The logo is available for your use in color or black/white in a JPG or EPS format.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION!!!

The 2012 logo for National Farm Safety & Health week was developed by the Illinois Farm Bureau staff. They do a wonderful and creative job for us every year – and we are most grateful. **Thank you so much!** to Peggy Romba, Roger Tornow, and Mary Ellen Fricke for your support.