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National Farm Safety and Health Week

September 15 – 21, 2013

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This recognition has been an annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council and has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the first document. Over the years, the development and dissemination of National Farm Safety & Health Week materials has shifted to the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety. NECAS is the agricultural partner for NSC and has been serving the agricultural family and business community since 1997.

The 2013 theme for National Farm Safety & Health Week is ***“Working Together for Safety in Agriculture”*** Go to our web site, www.necasag.org for information and public service announcements related to this year’s theme. We are most grateful to our friends at Illinois Farm Bureau for their work in developing the logo again this year. For the past few years, there has been an increasing focus on the safety and health issues in Agricultural Confined Spaces. Several agencies are working together to develop safety and rescue programs dealing specifically with confined spaces.

The theme “Working Together for Safety in Agriculture” is one that hits home and reminds us that it is everyone’s responsibility for safety both on the farm and the rural roadways of America. The new data for the Department of Labor shows the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 475 fatalities, which equals 21.2 deaths per 100,000 workers. When combining all labor sectors the death rate was 3.2%

As we recognize National Farm Safety & Health Week this September, please join us in promoting safe and healthy practices on our farms and ranches across the U.S. and in our neighboring countries as producers enter the harvest season. We welcome your collaboration and participation. If you have an article or public service announcement that you would like to share with educators and media, please send it to the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety via email.

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