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Why What We Do Is Important!



Teaching kids to be safe and healthy on farms, ranches and at home is not just something to be reminded of annually during Farm Safety & Health Week, but something to emphasize every single day. That is why the Progressive Agriculture Foundation has made it their mission to "provide education and training to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities" for more than 20 years through the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.

So you may be wondering exactly what do children really learn at a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®? Let our success stories from past participants speak for themselves:

- "I will not open the door to strangers."
- "I will wear ear plugs around loud machinery."
- "I will always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or ATV."
- "Never play in the grain bin."
- "I will learn my address and make an evacuation plan in the event of a fire."
- "I am going to tell my parents everything I learned, so we can stay safe together!"

These are just a few of the statements that our youth participants are making after attending a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in their local community. For many coordinators and planning committee members, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® is one of their favorite and most rewarding days of the year, as they get to make a positive, lasting impression on the young people in their community. If just one child leaves Safety Day and adopts one new safety practice or educates their family and friends about hidden hazards and potential dangers around their home, ranch or farm, it is all worth it!

For more success stories and information on the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program, visit our website at www.progressiveag.org. Want to hear success stories from youth in your community? Consider conducting a school or community Safety Day in the future. Applications are accepted annually on July 15th for Safety Days held the following calendar year!

Remember, Ag Safety is not just a slogan – it's a lifestyle!

ABOUT PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America and a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF), a 501(c) (3) charitable foundation. The Foundation's mission is to provide education and training to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities. In 2008, PAF was awarded the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance National Charity Seal, demonstrating its commitment to accountability and ethical practices. Safety Day applications are due each July 15 for Safety Days that will be conducted the following calendar year. For more information, please visit http://www.progressiveag.org

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