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Cultivating the Seeds of Safety

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Agriculture is recognized as one of the most hazardous industries in America and around the world. In the United States, over two million full-time workers were employed in the production of crops, livestock, and poultry in 2017. According to CDC- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from a work-related injury. Young workers and youth living on farms are also subject more frequently to injuries and fatal injuries. NIOSH reports that everyday approximately 100 agricultural workers will suffer an injury resulting in lost work time.

National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized for over seventy years, since September 1944. AgriSafe along with partners such as the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) have hosted activities to support awareness for Ag health and safety professionals and farmers alike. This year's theme "Cultivating the Seeds of Safety" spotlights safe practices such as grain bin entry and PPE use for farmers. Many injuries are preventable through education and during September 16-22, our free webinars will share information on the following topics: Immigrant Workers (**Monday**), Respiratory Health (**Tuesday**), Child/Youth Health and Safety (**Wednesday**), Confined Spaces in Agriculture (**Thursday**), and Women's Health (**Friday**). "AgriSafe's participation during NFSH Week remains a top priority, our job is to make health care professionals jobs easier, by providing resources, such as these webinars, as they care for farmers across the nation," states Natalie Roy, Executive Director.

This year AgriSafe is collaborating with four outside experts to share information through our webinar series. All webinars are free and open to the public, thanks to generous support from our sponsor, CHS. For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit <https://www.agrisafe.org/nfshweek2018>

AgriSafe is a national 501©3 organization representing health and safety professionals who strive to prevent and reduce health disparities found among the agricultural community. Our mission is to support and provide a growing network of trained agricultural health and safety professionals that assure access to preventative services for farm families and the agricultural community.

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