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Highlight for April

OSHA's sets aside April 28th as the day to remember and honor those who lost their lives while on the job. This is also know as Workers Memorial Day. For more information about this event, visit the American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organization's website: https://aflcio.org/about-us/conferences-and-events/workers-memorial-day.

April is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Distractions can be texting and driving and rural road safety. The following resource are available to help you promote safe driving:

National Safety Council Safe Driving Tool Kit

PA Farm Bureau—Rural Road Safety Program

Progressive Ag Foundation—Rural Roadway Safety

FReSH Article Highlights:

Ag Safety and Health Publications

NCERA-197:
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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Ag Centers have outlined how agricultural safety and health professionals can help create awareness of this issue in our rural areas. Visit the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health website: https://gpcah.public-health.uiowa.edu/mental-health/ to get started with the following activities/efforts:



- Register for the webinar on May 10th—1:00—2:00 EST—Suicide and the Agricultural Way of Life: What you Need to Know presented by Shauna Reitmeier.
- 2. The campaign is from April 29, 2019—May 26th. Information is provided on the website for use with social media.
- 3. Use the green ribbon graphic to show your support.
- 4. Get involved in the conversation. Follow, tweet, retweet and share social media activities about mental health.

Upcoming Events

Stressed Out From Work: An Occupational Hazard—NORA symposium—May 2nd—Mayo Memorial Auditorium, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

<u>International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health</u>—June 24—27, 2019—Des Moines, Iowa.

SAY National Clearinghouse

Ag safety and health curriculum or resources that align with AFNR standards can be promoted through the SAY National Clearinghouse. Contact <u>Linda Fetzer</u> or visit the <u>SAY Project</u> homepage.



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