In the United States, more than a million youth under the age of 20 years are exposed to agriculture production related hazards.

SAFETY IN AGRICULTURE FOR YOUTH™

2019 Program Overview

Supporting Organizations
- Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)
- AgSafe Network
- American Association for Agricultural Education
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
- CareerSafe Online
- Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
- College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Utah State University
- Grain Handling Safety Coalition (GHSC)
- Great Plains Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
- High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
- National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
- Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- National Council for Agricultural Education
- National Council of Agricultural Employers
- New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH)
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- National Council for Agricultural Education
- National Council of Agricultural Employers
- New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH)
- National FFA Organization
- National Grange

National Steering Committee
- Jim Kahler, National Program Leader, 4-H
- Jess McCluer, President, Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America
- R. Kirby Barrick, American Association for Agricultural Educators (AAAE)
- Marty Tartman, Director, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)
- Maggie Good, Assistant Director, Member Engagement, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)
- Larry Teverbaugh, Founder & CEO, CareerSafe
- Katie George, Director of Educational Services, CareerSafe
- Michael Womochil, Ag Program Director, Colorado FFA & Ag Ed
- Steve Brown, Educational Program Specialist, Department of Education
- Jill Kilanowski, Migrant Health
- Marsha Salzwedel, National Children’s Center
- Jaylin Havill, National Council for Agricultural Education
- Ambra Tennery, Educational Development & Evaluation Team Leader, National FFA Organization
- Betsy Huber, President, National Grange
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- Dee Jepsen, Extension Safety Specialist, Ohio State University
- Dennis Murphy, Murphy Agricultural Safety Consulting, LLC
- Linda Petzer, Communications Coordinator, Pennsylvania State University
- Michael Pate, Associate Professor, Utah State University
- Brian Kuhl, Interim CEO, Progressive Agriculture Foundation
- Roger Tormoehlen, Purdue University
- William E. Field, Purdue University
- Alyssa Ewell, QBank
- Aida Balsano, National Program Leader, USDA-NIFA
Belief Statements

Creating and promoting a culture of safety among youth working in agriculture is a primary goal for all stakeholders.

All youth working in agriculture deserve protection from workplace hazards and risks that may be associated with agricultural worksites.

Youth developmental principles are the basis for determining if and when a youth should participate in agricultural work.

Supervision of youth performing jobs or tasks should be guided by professionally recognized best practices based on developmental stages of growth.

Research and evaluation should guide development of safety and health best practice recommendations and guidelines.

Evidence-based, culturally appropriate models should be utilized to educate about agricultural safety and health.

Hired youth working on farms subject to Occupational Safety and Health Act enforcement should be informed of applicable rights to a safety workplace, training, personal protective equipment, and to ask questions or raise concerns about their safety.

SAY National Clearinghouse

The SAY project has made significant progress in implementing a national approach to youth farm safety education and certification. A SAY National Clearinghouse was created and populated with curricula that align with Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Career Cluster Content Standards. The National Steering Committee has helped to identify curriculum and testing gaps, certification needs, and industry recognized credentials.

Safety in Agriculture for Youth™

Agriculture is widely recognized as one of the most dangerous industries in the United States. The safety of youth working in agriculture should be paramount.

In 2013 the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) funded the Safety in Agriculture for Youth (SAY) project. For the past 6 years, organization leaders and partners alike have collectively improved the safety and health of young workers in agriculture.

Our Goals:

- Connecting & enhancing existing educational resources
- Develop a centralized location for relevant training and farm safety materials for formal (school) and non-formal settings
- Develop a national strategy that will enhance awareness, access & utilization of farm safety materials by youth & educators

National Young Worker Ag Safety Day

Every year in October, SAY partners with CareerSafe to celebrate the achievements of agriculture students and educators while raising awareness of agriculture specific injuries in the workplace. Thousands of career and technical students and educators participated in the #FFA2018 event celebrated by the National FFA Convention and Expo. The impact of the celebrated event will continue to be significant as more and more young workers enter into the workforce.

Contact US

We'd love to hear from you! To learn how you can make a difference, contact Aaron M. Yoder at:

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