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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION

I'm proud to represent CASA as Chair of the Board of Directors. CASA continues to anticipate the needs of farmers and the agricultural community and adapts to ensure these are at the forefront of everything we do.

In 2018, CASA co-hosted, with Farm Safety Nova Scotia, the International Society of Agricultural Safety and Health conference in Halifax. This showcased farm safety in Nova Scotia and demonstrated some true Canadian hospitality. Agricultural safety representatives from around the world came together to share CASA's passion for protecting farmers, their families, and communities.

The BeGrainSafe program continued to grow, educating first responders to rescue victims of grain entrapment while focusing on prevention.

We are only able to continue this important work because of the generosity of our partners and sponsors. I would like to thank our partners in helping us to make agriculture a safe and healthy environment to work and live in. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) for their generous support.

Our board members represent diverse agricultural backgrounds. We said farewell to Jeff Shaw and welcomed Michelle Rogalsky, a knowledgeable and excellent addition. Thank you to my fellow board members – CASA grows

stronger because of your passion and dedication. The amazing staff at CASA continue to work to provide information, create resources, organize Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, support Safety Days and host conferences within limited resources. The CASA staff is an incredible team and I am grateful for their passion in the work they do!



Wendy Bennett,
Chair, CASA

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~Wendy Bennett,
Chair, CASA Board of Directors



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

FARMSAFE FOUNDATION

2018-2019 marked the FarmSafe Foundation's seventh year of supporting the charitable works undertaken by CASA.

Charitable donations through the foundation have helped grow CASA's BeGrainSafe program, support Safety Days for youth and assist farmers who have suffered a traumatic injury, get back to farming.

Along with monthly, in-memoriam and employee gifts, the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers donated to the foundation in lieu of speaker gifts, Corteva Agriscience granted funds to support Safety Days and Nutrien Ag Solutions provided funds to purchase a grain rescue tube for a northern Alberta fire department.

This year North American Craft has pledged to donate \$1 from every case of Farmed and Dangerous cider sales to the Foundation. The principal apple producer had suffered from a farm incident and the distributor wanted to give back to the industry and chose the FarmSafe Foundation to do so.

I would like to thank Bruce Johnson for serving the past six years both as director and as chair of the FarmSafe Foundation. Also, thank you to Nick Fox for his many years of service on the board of directors.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Melissa Parkinson as director of the foundation.

■ On behalf of the FarmSafe Foundation, thank you for your commitment to Canada's farmers during this past year. Your donations recognize the issue of farm safety and its impact on Canadian farm sustainability.

~Dean Anderson,
Chair, FarmSafe Foundation

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Dean Anderson,
Chair, FarmSafe Foundation



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First and foremost, thanks to all the sponsors that help CASA reach out and promote the farm safety message across Canada. Your support demonstrates the commitment you have for the safety of farmers, families, and the workers that protect the environment, nurture animals and produce the food that we take for granted.

This year has been busy. We partnered with Farm Safety Nova Scotia to organize the International Society of Ag Safety and Health conference in Halifax. Over 140 participants from across the US, Europe and Canada experienced Halifax first hand, and learned about the new research and practices related to agricultural safety.



The focus on mental health was evident this year. With Canadian Federation of Agriculture and others, we helped to award the first ever Brigid Rivoire Award for Champions of Agricultural Mental Health to the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA) Sentinel Program. CASA also presented to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food during their study on the mental health challenges facing Canadian producers. We also supported a work-life self-evaluation by the UPA and included mental health messaging in our Canadian Ag Safety Week.

We continue to be extremely active with our BeGrainSafe Program. I want to thank Glen Blahey and Bobbi Kiesman for their work and welcome Robert Gobeil as our newest Safety Specialist.

I also want to acknowledge our continued partnership with the Progressive Ag Foundation and the delivery of the Safety Days in Canada by community volunteers.

I want to thank the Board for their continued support, the staff and our sponsors. Together we can achieve a Canada where no one is hurt farming.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcel Hacault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marcel Hacault, P.Ag, MBA
Executive Director, CASA

■ Together we can achieve a Canada where no one is hurt farming.

~Marcel Hacault, Executive Director,
Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

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The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, their families, and agricultural workers. CASA works collaboratively with agricultural safety and health specialists and producers in all provinces and territories to promote health and safety on Canadian farms and ranches.

VISION

A Canada where no one is hurt farming.

MISSION

To make agriculture a safe and healthy environment to work and live in by helping producers and community partners to see and manage risk.





THE CASA TEAM

■ (From left): Robert Gobeil, Judy McMaster, Robin Anderson, Liz Ellis Clark, Marcel Hacault, Christine Maynard Balcaen, Christina Burrridge
(missing): Diane Wreford

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Agricultural Health and Safety Specialist

Judy McMaster
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CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CASA is led by a seven-person Board of Directors elected from its membership representing various sectors of the agricultural community.



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The FarmSafe Foundation is led by a Board of Directors composed of a cross-section of the agricultural industry. Board members are appointed by the CASA Board to represent CASA's charitable wing.



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Section 1
BUILD AN
AGSAFE CANADA





SAFE & STRONG FARMS

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week Safe & Strong Farms: Build an AgSafe Canada in 2019

CASA, with support from partners, sponsors and friends across Canada, celebrated the first year of “Safe & Strong Farms”.

- Safety is essential to a Safe & Strong Farm. Building a base that is safe and strong supports the wellness of your family and success of your farm.

~Marcel Hacault, Executive Director,
Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual public campaign focusing on the importance of safe agriculture. Safe & Strong Farms: Build an AgSafe Canada is part of a three-year campaign celebrating farm safety across Canada.

In 2019 organizers focused on supporting farmers, farm families and farming communities through resources, safety advice articles, an AgSafe Ribbon campaign and more.

“Safety is essential to a Safe & Strong Farm,” said Marcel Hacault, CASA’s Executive Director. “Building a base that is safe and strong supports the wellness of your family and the success of your farm.”

As a part of CASW, organizers produced a number of resources including a wellness series, toolbox talks and a farm stress inventory and management plan. CASW

2019 also marks the third year of the AgSafe Ribbon campaign. The AgSafe Ribbon campaign celebrates Safe & Strong Farms and raises awareness about the importance of farm safety.

Farm Credit Canada was the presenting sponsor of CASW. “Everyone can agree that safety on the farm is important”, said Michael Hoffort, FCC president and CEO. “While farming can be dangerous, there are simple safety measures everyone can take to mitigate the risk. At FCC, we support Agricultural Safety Week and partner with CASA all year long because practicing safety on the farm never takes a day off.”

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week takes place every year during the third week of March. For more information about CASW, media kits or resources, please visit agsafetyweek.ca.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) supported by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) delivers Canadian Agricultural Safety Week with assistance from the Government of Canada through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal, provincial and territorial initiative. Safe & Strong Farms: Build an AgSafe Canada is presented by Farm Credit Canada. In 2019, CASW sponsors included long-time corporate sponsor Farm Credit Canada, as well as CN, Syngenta, and Fertilizer Canada.

For more information about Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, visit agsafetyweek.ca.

Editorial

BUILDING A SAFE & STRONG FARM FOR MY FAMILY

Farm family works to Build an AgSafe Canada

Each year CASA approaches farm safety champions from across Canada to celebrate and support CASW. In 2019, Bailey Kemery, a farmer from southern Saskatchewan shared her story.

Whether in a city, town or on a farm, raising a family is a challenge no matter where you call home.

When raising a family on a farm, the experience isn't just challenging; it is also incredibly rewarding. But what makes raising kids on a farm so rewarding, is also what makes it the most challenging. That's because raising children on a farm means they grow up where we work.

Raising our children on the farm in this community has many advantages. Our children will learn what it feels like to be part of something bigger than themselves, and they will know the value of hard work and that nothing comes free. They will learn that dedication to something will always yield a return, even if that return is merely the respect of their family and peers. They'll know where our food comes from, as well as how to respect and care for the animals and land entrusted to us. They'll understand challenges and victories. They'll cherish their heritage, including their pioneering grandparents and great-grandparents. I want my children to realize that every choice they make will affect everyone else around them.

When we mix our home and work lives, there can be many unknowns, especially when it comes to concerns about our children and their safety. That's why,

at the end of the day, I ask myself, "Are we doing everything we reasonably can to keep our children safe?" I survived a childhood farm injury, and that experience gives me perspective because I never want my children to feel or experience what I did. So, how do we do better? I don't have all the answers, but I do know that I cannot fail my children by being complacent and blinded by frustration.

I know our strength lies in our family. Our family is the reason my husband and I come home at night, and why we strive to be and do better. We are constantly communicating about where we are, what we are doing, and where the kids are. My children are the reason I wear proper footwear, why I wear my seatbelt, and why I try to be a good example. After all, children mimic what they see, and it's my job to make sure they know about the importance of being safe on the farm.

There are days when I worry that I won't be able to protect my children forever. However, I hope that I can give them the courage to ask for help, to ask questions, and to make good choices. I want them to know that my husband and I will always support and encourage them. I want them to understand that when they come to us when something breaks or they see something unsafe that we will help and guide them. Above all,



(Above): As a part of a multi-generational farm, the Kemerys grow grain in western Saskatchewan.

I want them to know that risking their safety is never worth hurt pride or hurt feelings.

Building a Safe and Strong Farm means more to me than just making sure we're using the proper Personal Protective Equipment or running the auto-steer correctly. Safety includes all of these practical things, but it's more than that – safety is also an attitude and a frame of mind.

A Safe and Strong Farm means that my family eats supper together because we've made it home safe. A Safe and Strong Farm means wildly imaginative games played in the living room. A Safe and Strong Farm means my children can lace up their skates. A Safe and Strong Farm means my children will never feel chronic pain and experience a facial disfigurement or struggle with a disability as I did. A Safe and Strong Farm means the continuation and survival of our family farm. A Safe and Strong Farm is something that my family and I choose to build – for ourselves, our community, and our future.

AG SAFETY WEEK 2019

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>8 million reached via online media stories

>1,400 downloads from agsafetyweek.ca

18 organizations signed up to be Friends of Ag Safety Week



>3.5 million reached

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- 3 Resource Streams
- 16 Unique Resources
- 1 Social Media Guide
- 3 Public Service Announcements
- 1 National Press Release
- 3 Feature Articles
- 3 Safety Advice Articles
- 2 Editorials
- 4 Cartoons
- 1 Twibbon Campaign
- 1 Facebook Live



Canadian Agricultural Safety Week
March 10-16, 2019
Public Service Announcement
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BUILDING SAFETY ON YOUR FARM
Robust. Risk. Resilient. That's your farm. You have a safe and strong farm. You have a farm safety plan. You use toolbox talks. You talk about farm safety with your family. You are a part of an AgSafe Canada.

Section 2
SAFE & STRONG
FARMS





BEGRAINSAFE

■ (Above): Firefighters from Rosser, Manitoba took part in the Grain Rescue and Training Course.

FIREFIGHTER GRAIN RESCUE TRAINING COURSE STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES

The Firefighter Grain Rescue Training Course incorporates both classroom and practical training. The training prepares firefighters to respond to a grain entrapment incident.

In 2018-2019, CASA's BeGrainSafe Firefighter Grain Rescue Training held training sessions in fourteen communities in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta for a total of 17 training sessions.

The Firefighter Grain Rescue Training Course incorporates both classroom theory and practical training. It's intended to prepare firefighters to respond to a grain entrapment incident on-farm or at a grain handling facility.

"Most of the firefighters we train are from rural volunteer fire departments," says Robert Gobeil, CASA's Agricultural Health and Safety Specialist. "Even though they have that rural experience, they might not necessarily be familiar with farming."

That's where the online component of the training comes in. A prerequisite for the in-person course is a free, 45-minute online course introducing grain handling and storage hazards.

"It's important that we have all firefighter trainees start the in-person course with a basic understanding of grain handling and storage hazards," says Gobeil.

Firefighters then spend the first portion of the training learning the theory and finish off with a hands-on, practical rescue using the BeGrainSafe mobile demonstration and training unit.

This involves trapping a volunteer trainee in grain in a controlled and safe manner while their classmates apply

their knowledge and skills to perform a successful and safe rescue.

"After the training, we have firefighters tell us that they were surprised at how quickly they were trapped once the grain started flowing," explains Gobeil.

At the end of the training, firefighters receive a Certificate of Completion.

"We're thrilled that this training is getting to the people that need it the most," says Gobeil. We look forward to training more fire departments in the year to come."

For more information about the BeGrainSafe program, visit casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe.

Feature

TRAINING

ALBERTA FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDS COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH OUTREACH

It's often said that to encourage change, you need to lead by example.

And for the fire department in Alberta's Clearwater County, it's a premise that's not only valued but also practiced.

"Whenever we get an opportunity to educate and engage with the public as a fire department, we always take it because it is our one opportunity where we get to be proactive," says Evan Stewart, assistant fire chief for the Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services, which serves 22,000-square kilometres in west-central Alberta.

The fire department made use of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's BeGrainSafe program, which provided firefighters with training on how to safely orchestrate a grain entrapment rescue using simulated situations in a controlled environment, as well as providing an opportunity for public education.

"When it comes to grain entrapment, it is a high-risk, low-frequency occurrence where seconds and minutes count. It may not happen very often, but it is very high-risk and the hazards are very real," explains Evan.

Sadly, many of the department's firefighters know all-too-well of the high risks associated with grain entrapment.

In 2015, three young sisters – a 13-year-old and 11-year-old twins – who lived in the local area died when they became buried in canola seed.

"It hit our community pretty hard. It impacts our membership to this day because we have had to deal with the worst-case scenario. The [BeGrainSafe] program certainly helped to provide some of our members with some closure, as well as knowing that the department is taking those proactive steps to deal with those emergencies," says Evan, adding that the county approached the family of the three girls to ensure they would be comfortable with grain entrapment being put in the local public spotlight.

"The family was appreciative that the county, through the fire department, was being proactive and learning from a horrible tragedy."

While the BeGrainSafe training was invaluable for the firefighters, Evan points out that the community outreach was equally as important.



(Above): Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services prepare for BeGrainSafe training and demonstrations that took place in the heart of Rocky Mountain House. (Photo courtesy of Evan Stewart.)

For the Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services, grain safety training and outreach is certainly not going to be a one-time occurrence. In addition to keeping a contingent of firefighters up to standards on grain rescue safety and equipment, he says the department will be looking to bring the BeGrainSafe program back in the near future to continue educating the community and change attitudes about grain safety.

"Encouraging a greater sense of safety in the local agriculture industry through education is definitely a priority for our fire department," says Evan, noting that he has encouraged other fire departments serving farming communities to use the BeGrainSafe training.



SAFETY DAYS

SAFETY DAY EVENTS CONTINUE TO BUILD SAFETY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association celebrated its 16th year of partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation® supporting rural youth health and safety through Progressive Agriculture Safety Days.

Over 15,000 children, adults and volunteers took part in 67 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® events in Canada in 2018. Since 2002, CASA has been working with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation to support farm safety education for rural Canadian youth through Safety Day events.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America. Safety Days are typically one-day, and feature mix-and-match stations covering everything from sun safety, recognizing and avoiding chemical exposure, to farm machinery safety.

“Progressive Agriculture Safety Days in Canada consistently reach over 15,000 participants each year”, says Marcel Hacault, CASA’s Executive Director. “This continued reach demonstrates how successful the program is. Safety Days, year after year, continue to impact children’s lives and increase communities’ capacity to keep rural children healthy and safe.”

“As our program celebrates its 25-year milestone, we reflect on Progressive Agriculture Safety Days’ growth in Canada,” says Brian Kuhl, chief executive officer of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. “We are excited

■ With the support of CASA, program sponsors, and our dedicated Safety Day coordinators, we take a step closer to attaining our vision of living in a world where no child will ever become ill, suffer an injury or die from farm, ranch or rural activities.

~ Brian Kuhl, Chief Executive Officer,
Progressive Agriculture Foundation

to see that our program continues to positively impact the lives of rural Canadians. With the support of CASA, program sponsors, and our dedicated Safety Day coordinators, we take a step closer to attaining our vision of living in a world where no child will ever become ill, suffer an injury or die from farm, ranch or rural activities.”

For more information about Progressive Agriculture Safety Days, visit casa-acsa.ca/programs/safety-days-for-children.

Feature

YOUTH SAFETY DAY FUND

COMMUNITY SAFETY DAYS RECEIVE FINANCIAL BOOST

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is proud to collaborate with Corteva Agriscience™, to offer funding to organizers to offset the costs of hosting a safety day event.

Each year, communities across Canada host Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® events reaching approximately 17,000 Canadians each year. These days are invaluable to the children and families that attend them. Participants learn about the hazards and risks associated with farming and rural life. However, a barrier that many communities face is the cost of hosting such an event. That's where the Youth Safety Day Fund sponsored by Corteva Agriscience comes in.

"These volunteer coordinators and host committees all work to keep children safe," says Marcel Hacault, CASA's Executive Director. "These dedicated individuals are often planning and hosting these days on their own time and sometimes, on their own dollar. This fund

will remove some of that financial burden."

\$35,000 was made available to Safety Day coordinators and communities across Canada. Coordinators could apply for up to \$700 for each Safety Day event to cover costs like venue rentals, speaker fees, busing and lunches.

"By supporting the Youth Safety Day Fund, Corteva Agriscience is building our community's capacity in educating our youth on farm dangers and building a culture of safety," says Shari Hinz, Safety Day Coordinator and Executive Director of Safe Communities Humboldt & Area. "This funding helps us ensure the success of our local safety day."

"We're pleased to support the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association in hosting the



(Above): Thanks to Youth Safety Day Fund sponsored by Corteva AgriScience™, Safety Day events like this one in Seaforth Ontario are able to cover costs like venue rentals, speaker fees, busing and lunches. (Photo courtesy of Huron County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day organizers.)

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® events that reach approximately 17,000 Canadians each year," says Wendy Tobin, Senior EHS Consultant at Corteva Agriscience. "At Corteva Agriscience™, we are committed to helping educate and protect farm families across the country, both on and off the farm."

For more information about the Youth Safety Day Fund, visit casa-acsa.ca/grants/ag-safety-day-coordinator-fund.

FAST FACT

55 Safety Day events applied for the Youth Safety Day Fund.

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~ Wendy Tobin, Senior EHS Consultant, Corteva Agriscience

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FARM TO SEA: ANCHORING AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES

CASA, in partnership with Farm Safety Nova Scotia, co-hosted the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) 2018 Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CASA teamed up with Farm Safety Nova Scotia to co-host ISASH 2018, June 24-28, 2018.

ISASH is an organization dedicated to the professional development of agricultural safety and health professionals, providing national and international leadership in preventing agricultural injuries and illnesses to the agricultural community.

Each year, the ISASH conference is hosted in a different location, in 2018, that location was Halifax.

Over 140 attendees from Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia attended Farm to Sea: Anchoring Agricultural Health and Safety.

In addition to dynamic keynote speakers, interesting and informative plenary sessions, participants had the opportunity



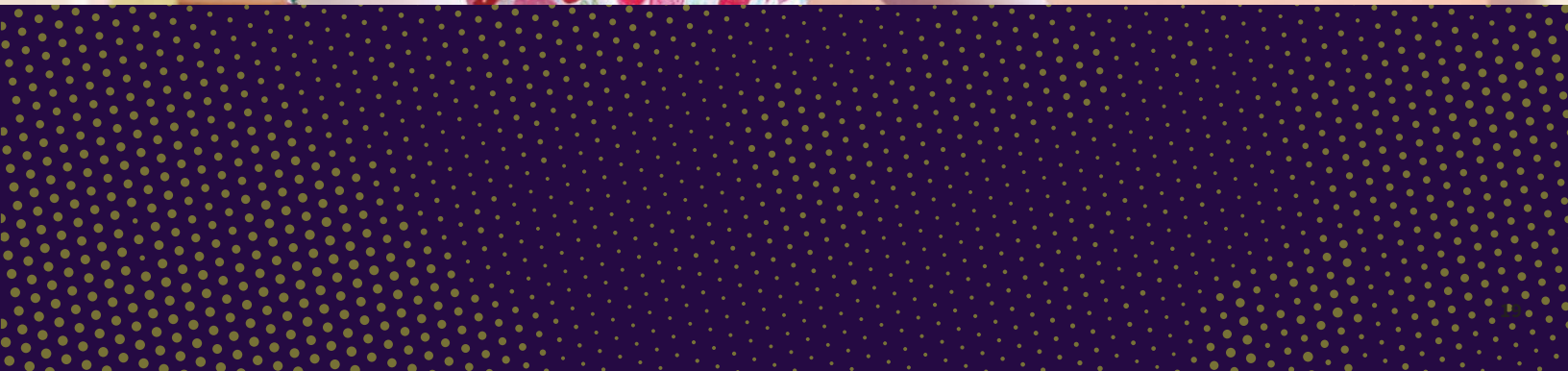
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to showcase research, research-in-progress and educational programs in concurrent sessions.

Attendees also experienced the best of Maritime agriculture and fisheries during the scheduled tours.

For more information on ISASH, visit isash.org.

Section **3**
GIVING SAFETY





DONOR GIVING

THE FARMSAFE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FARM SAFETY

The FarmSafe Foundation is a registered Canadian charity (840404487RR001) that supports the initiatives of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA).

CASA's charitable arm, the FarmSafe Foundation, supports farm safety initiatives by educating the public by providing courses, seminars, and workshops on farming and agricultural management; and relieving conditions associated with disability by providing assistive devices and adaptive technology to people with disabilities.

In 2018-2019, the FarmSafe Foundation raised funds towards the delivery of CASA programs, including Back to Ag, BeGrainSafe, Safety Days, and Farm Safety Resource Development and Training.

Highlights include a grant awarded to the FarmSafe Foundation to support BeGrainSafe, CASA's grain safety program. Nutrien Ag Solutions granted funds for the purchase of grain rescue equipment that was gifted to an Alberta fire department that participated in the BeGrainSafe Firefighter Grain Rescue Training Course.

This year, Corteva Agriscience granted the FarmSafe Foundation \$2,000 to support two Safety Days in Ontario.

Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers donated \$1,050 to the

Donate to the FarmSafe Foundation! Whether it's giving injured farmers a helping hand, keeping kids safe, putting the right safety tools in place, or helping to bring grain safety education to rural communities, your gift to the FarmSafe Foundation helps CASA carry on this great work.

FarmSafe Foundation in lieu of speaker gifts.

In support of developing and lending teaching kit items, Kitchen Craft donated \$250.

Corporate giving is an important part of the Foundation's success, however individual donors are also vital to the Foundation. Contributions in 2018-2019 came through In Memoriam giving and through individual donations, including regular monthly gifts.

For more information about the FarmSafe Foundation, visit casa-acsa.ca.

Profile

BACK TO AG

GRANTING PROGRAM CONTINUES TO HELP FARMERS RETURN TO WORK SAFELY

Thanks to Farm Credit Canada, injured farmers like Alan Winters are getting back to what they love... farming.

The Back to Ag program is a granting program focused on supporting the cost of adaptive technology for farmers that have experienced a traumatic injury. The Back to Ag program is the result of a partnership between the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and Farm Credit Canada.

CASA accepts applications year-round for the Back to Ag program. Applicants must be farmers who have experienced a life-altering incident resulting in a disability. They must demonstrate that the purchase of specialized equipment or the adaptation of existing equipment will help them get back to work on the farm safely. Alan Winters is one such farmer.

In May 2017, Alan Winters of South Stormont, Ontario suffered a crush injury from a manure spreader. As a result of the injury, Alan's right foot and part of his leg were amputated. With the help of Back to Ag, modifications were made to the farm's goat barn including a raised platform that would allow easier milking and feeding of the goats. The Back to Ag program also supported the purchase of easy-pull wagons that eases the burden of hauling feed and bedding for the goats.

In 2018-2019, the Back to Ag program helped four farmers with adaptive technology. For more information about Back to Ag, visit casa-acsa.ca.



■ Back to Ag has helped me to literally get back to my feet. Allowing me to do some basic chores easier with more confidence. Thanks... for giving me guidance and making things as simple as possible.

~ Alan Winters, Farmer and Back to Ag Recipient

■ Alan Winters demonstrates his easy-pull wagon and raised platform that the Back to Ag Program helped fund.



THANKING OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

Thanks to the generous commitments from sponsors and partners, CASA was able to continue making Canada's farms a safer place to live, work, and play.

Thank you to all the sponsors and partners that contributed to CASA farm safety initiatives in 2018–2019. Your support is critical to CASA's success.

The 2018-2019 year is the first year of CASA's funding agreement with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal, provincial and territorial initiative. CASA is also funded significantly by other sponsors and partners.

Corporate partners continue to support farm safety education for children through Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® (PAF). Farm Credit Canada, Corteva Agriscience, BASF, SAFE Work Manitoba, and TC Energy all contributed to help keep kids safe.

The BeGrainSafe program is generously supported by PAMI, G3, CN, Nutrien Ag Solutions, the Canadian Canola Growers Association, the Alberta Canola Producers Commission, the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission, the Manitoba Canola Growers Association, Red Deer County, Alberta Wheat Growers, Saskatchewan Wheat, Prairie Oat Growers Association, Grain Farmers of Ontario, GSI, and Viterra.

The BeGrainSafe program is also supported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) was presented by Farm Credit Canada. Rounding out CASW sponsors are CN,

Syngenta and Fertilizer Canada.

CASA would like to thank the following media sponsors for spreading the word about Safety Days and BeGrainSafe: The Western Producer, Manitoba Cooperator, Alberta Farmer Express, Grainews, le Bulletin, Farmtario, and Country Guide, and Ontario Farmer.

2018 ISASH conference supporters included: FCC, Corteva, Syngenta, CNH, MacDon, Esso Mobil, Bayer, John Deere, ASHNET, Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education and the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia. There were also many other supporters that made the conference a success – thank you!

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Agricultural Machinery Technical Committee was created to develop national and international standards for farm equipment used in Canada and provide Canadian endorsement of international standards. This year, nine agricultural industry members partnered with CASA to support the committee's important work. The financial support came from MacDon, John Deere, CNH, WSPS, AgCo, AGI, Vermeer, CFA and Farm Safety Nova Scotia.

Thank You

There are many sponsors and partners who are helping CASA achieve great things. Thanks to the following official CASA sponsors and partners in 2018–2019!

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