

Be AgSafe by Keeping Kids Safe?

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week 2016 runs from March 13 to 19.

This month, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and presenting sponsor Farm Credit Canada (FCC) are encouraging farmers and their families to be an AgSafe family by Keeping Kids Safe.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual public awareness campaign focusing on the importance of safe agriculture. In 2016, organizers want to empower farm families with the information they need to help keep kids safe on the farm while preserving the farming lifestyle. The campaign lasts for a week, but Keeping Kids Safe is important all year long.

We believe that we can teach the love of agriculture to our children in a safe and healthy way, commented CASA Executive Director Marcel Hacault. This year, we are providing tools and safety advice on agsafetyweek.ca that can help make farms a safe place for children to grow up.

At CFA, we recognize the importance of teaching our next generation of producers about safety measures on the family farm, CFA President Ron Bonnett said. That is why we are proud to once again be a part of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week in order to highlight the significance of safety as a priority on Canada's farms.

Safety on the farm doesn't just happen; it's a result of hard work by industry associations, government, industry advocates and of course farmers, said Michael Hoffort, Farm Credit Canada president and CEO. That's why we're proud to support Canadian Agriculture Safety Week and to partner with CASA. It provides the information and resources producers need to make farms safer for everyone, including children.

Workplace Safety and Prevention Services is proud to be part of Canadian Ag Safety Week, and this year's theme really hits home, says Elizabeth Mills, president and CEO of WSPS. On average, 13 children die on Canadian farms each year. We are looking forward to connecting with farmers, agricultural employers and partners to share the latest practices and tools to Keep Kids Safe and ensure that Ag families enjoy a rich, exciting and safe experience on the farm.

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