

Testimonials

“I am farmer and a parent, and keeping my child safe while getting the work done can be a challenge. The Ag Youth Work Guidelines mobile app helps alleviate some of the frequent questions that come up. My husband and I can consult the app, or webpage, to look at the age developmental guidelines, and recommended methods for children working on the farm. I'm so grateful for the resources the National Children's Center provides, and especially the new app that I can consult on my phone on the go.”

Jennifer Nelson

Organic Specialist

Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)

Farmer Parent, Humble Pie Farm

“How to safely do a task should always be the first thought a farmer has when working around the farm. Most farm injuries and fatalities are avoidable through proper risk mitigation but many farmers lack the time or resources to address safe working practices. All incidents are tragic, but ones involving a youth are especially tragic. I participated in this steering committee because I wanted to make sure clear and easy to use safety materials are available for all farmers and farm workers. I am proud of the materials this group created and look forward to helping create safer working environments on our farms.”

“The new youth guidelines are clear and simple to use. Farmers need these resources to help guide them in keeping their family members and employees safe. As an insurance provider, we are always looking for resources to share with our policy holders that can make a significant impact on their operations and these guidelines will help ensure their family members come home safe at the end of the day.”

“Lack of understanding of safe work practices is a leading cause of injuries amongst youthful farm workers. As a farm insurance provider, I am always looking for easy to use resources from a trustworthy source. I am proud of the materials we created and cannot wait to share them with our policy holders. I believe parents or employers that use these guidelines will make their farm more safe and protect their family members or workers.”

Eric Vanasdale

Senior Loss Control Representative

COUNTRY Financial

“Protecting the safety and wellbeing of children and youth in agricultural settings isn’t just a local or regional issue. Being able to collaborate with a team of ag health and safety specialists from across Canada and the United States has given us the opportunity to learn from and build on collective experience. The end result is not only an exceptional resource that will guide parents and caregivers in making informed decisions for the youth’s involvement in ag work activities but has established a relationship between the collaborators to be able to continue networking.”

*Glen G. Blahey, CRSP
Agricultural Health and Safety Specialist
Canadian Agricultural Safety Association*

“I was involved in the development of the original North American Guidelines for Children’s Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT), which were groundbreaking and an excellent resource when they were released in 1999. With NAGCAT almost 20 years old, it was time for an update. Technology has changed how people access information. Putting the guidelines on a mobile-friendly website makes them easier for everyone to access, and making them interactive makes them more attractive to use.”

“I am excited to be part of this project, and I look forward to seeing these guidelines in use.”

*Dennis Murphy, PhD, CSP
Nationwide Insurance Professor of Agricultural Safety and Health
Penn State University*