



SAFETY & HEALTH IN AGRICULTURE

THE GREAT PLAINS CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL HEALTH



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WHAT DOES THE NIOSH AFF DO FOR IOWANS?

We **develop COVID-19 materials** to help protect farmworkers:

- Contributed content to the national CDC COVID-19 guidance document for Agricultural Workers and Employers
- Translated guidance into relevant tips for Midwest farming operations
- Made videos to explain effective COVID protective strategies on the farm

We **partner with Iowa organizations** to protect farmers:

- Partnered with organizations to reach farmers to improve farmer mental health
- Partnered with farmers and community leaders to examine and improve behavior of drivers around farm equipment on roadways
- Published monthly "Safety Watch" articles for Lee Agrimedia Publications to encourage best practices to protect against seasonal on-farm hazards

We **provide training and services** on safety and health topics:

- Developed and delivered innovative online curriculum for farmers and their advocates
- Hosted regional agricultural health and safety conference to share best practices with farmer advocates
- Developed road safety and manure gas hazard tool kits for extension and other advocates to use as outreach
- Developed and deployed a farm hazard assessment tool to help farmers identify safety improvements on the farm

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK: 2020 VIRTUAL TRAINING EVENTS

"Great course, it should be advertised more to make compulsory for any kind of healthcare provider or social worker who deal/treat with farmers directly or indirectly. Thank you for the great opportunity."

*- Health Professional,
2020 Core Course Participant*

"My husband and father-in-law are the target audience for ag injuries discussions. I am not sure that I can make an impact on them, but I will certainly will on my son."

*- USDA Veterinarian, Army Reserve,
2020 Core Course Participant*

"I heard "How do I make the healthy choice?" which will frame how I approach developing communication, interventions, and programming."

*- Public Health/Health Educator,
2020 MRASH Attendee*

"I liked that there was a variety of presenters and opportunities to learn new, relevant, and emerging information. Thank you for providing this Virtual conference."

- State Extension Outreach/Health Educator, 2020 MRASH Attendee

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NIOSH AFF FUNDING PROTECTS IOWA FARMERS

Agricultural Centers work with producer groups, health care providers, farmers, and others to protect agricultural workers and their families.