

Liaison CASA

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Did you know?

- Provincial/Territorial and Federal Ministers have agreed to continue non-business risk management programs under the Agricultural Policy Framework for up to one additional year starting April 1st, 2008 and ending March 31st, 2009. Therefore, contribution agreements with AAFC for CASA will remain unchanged for 2008-2009.
- You can now view the project summaries of the CASHP funded projects for 2007 by visiting our website at http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/funding_projects.html
- The Canadian Agriculture Safety Week Media Kit is now available through the CASA website. The media kit contains articles suited to sharing the importance of farm safety relating to this year's theme of musculoskeletal injuries. Visit our website at http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/res_caswmedia.html to view this year's kit.
- In an effort to transition the responsibilities of injury surveillance to include the Public Health Agency, Rob Brison, CAISP co-director, Bruce Johnson CASA Chair and Marcel Hacault met with Dr. David Butler-Jones. The transition process continues for the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program (CAISP) after a successful meeting on January 23rd with Dr. Bulter-Jones of the Public Health Agency.

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A Word from the Chairman

“Manage more than just your back!” is the theme of this year's Canadian Agricultural Safety campaign. Sprains and strains are Canada's leading type of farm-related injuries. Overexertion was the leading cause of injury followed by livestock handling, particularly beef, then machine-related. Statistics Canada reports that approximately 15 per cent of agricultural-related injuries are back injuries. I hope this year's campaign will once again encourage many of us to set a good example and work safely. Prevention is the key.

The CASW campaign message “Manage more than just your back!” is two-fold. The first part is to encourage farmers to protect their physical well-being by using correct lifting techniques, good posture and other body mechanics that will preserve good health. The second part of the theme encourages farmers and ranchers to take a careful look for hazards in their workplace. This may mean clearing alleyways, setting up a workbench, or any other changes that can be made to make a work area more comfortable to work in.

Safety is a key issue in agriculture and it means managing more than just our back.

Bruce Johnson
Chairman

News

**2008 Canadian
Agricultural Safety Week
March 12-18, 2008**



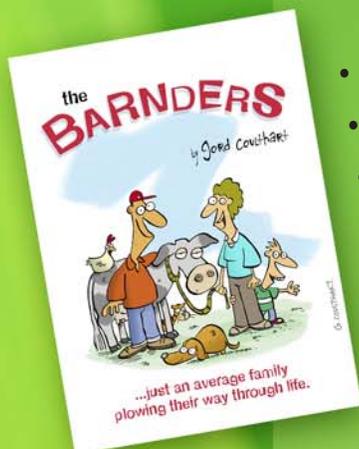
“Manage more than just your back!” is the 2008 Canadian Agricultural Safety campaign theme with a focus on sprains, strains and falls. The yearlong campaign will be launched with Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW), March 12-18, 2008, by encouraging farmers and ranchers to think through their work and try to find ways that will reduce the risks of sprains, strains, and falls. Media launch events are being planned in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. A complete media kit is now available on-line through the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) www.casa-acsa.ca and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) www.cfa-fca.ca in partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

Press Releases & Media Kit

You can find the press releases and media kit at http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/res_caswmedia.html

The following 2008 CASW materials can be used at your workplace to help publicize this year's campaign

- CASW Press Release
- CASW 2008 Logo
- Fact Sheet #1 Managing falls from the group up
- Fact Sheet #2 Repetitive Strain injury
- Fact Sheet #3 Farming in awkward positions
- Fact Sheet #4 Thinkback.ca
- Fact Sheet #5 Lifting – Use your brains not your back
- Fact Sheet #6 Don't let safety slip or trip or fall
- Fact Sheet # 7 From cute to critical – farm animals are dangerous
- Fact Sheet #8 Making safety part of the culture of agriculture



- Fact Sheet #9 Sprains and Strains on the bottom line
- Marjorie LaBrash Story
- Loretta and Kurt Sherman Story
- Radio PSA and Chatter Sheet
- CAISP Report – Hospitalized agricultural fracture and soft tissues injuries in Canada 1990-2000
 - Canadian Farm Safety and Agricultural Resources
- Key Contacts for Media
- Media Kit Evaluation

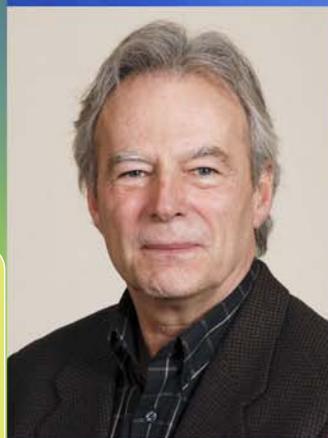
You will also find references and more articles on Preventing Musculoskeletal Injuries

Get to know the CASA Board

Meet our CASA Chairperson Bruce Johnson

Dates to Remember

- Nova Scotia CASA launch site will take place at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College on Monday, **March 10th** from 10:00AM – 11:00AM. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.
- Saskatchewan CASW launch site will take place **March 13th** at 10AM in part of the Annual SARM convention at Ipsco Place, 1700 Elphinstone Street in Regina SK.
- Call for Proposals - CASA's granting program, the Canadian Agricultural Safety and Health Program (CASHP) will be looking for new projects, deadline **May 16, 2008**. Please check the CASA website late March for updates on the CASHP.



Bruce has been the General Manager and a Director of the Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA) since its' inception in 1994. FARSHA is a non-profit association dedicated to reducing the incidence of occupational injury and health risk exposure through an active program of education, training and consultation to the farmers and ranchers of British Columbia.

Bruce has served on the Board of Directors and the executive committee of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. He also currently serves on the Management Committee of the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and chairs their Knowledge Translation Committee. Bruce serves as a primary advisor for a number of key programs including the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks, the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program, the Workers' Compensation Board of British Columbia's Young Workers Program, as well as their Certificate of Recognition Program.