

# Liaison CASA

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## Did you know?

- CASA has posted farm safety video segments online. All videos have an important agricultural safety message including preventing Musculoskeletal Injuries, child safety, hearing damage, and senior safety. To view these videos visit [http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/res\\_farmsafely.html](http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/res_farmsafely.html)
- CASA has agricultural display resources that can be used at any event to promote agricultural safety. Anyone can now book a resource through our website at [https://secure.encryptedtransactions.com/casa-acsa/res\\_forrent.html](https://secure.encryptedtransactions.com/casa-acsa/res_forrent.html)
- AAFC has agreed to fund CASA for up to one additional year starting April 1st, 2008 and ending March 31st, 2009. Contribution agreements with AAFC for CASA will remain unchanged for 2008-2009.

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## A Word from the Chairman

As part of our ongoing commitment to farm safety the fact AAFC has agreed to fund CASA for up to one additional year starting April 1st, 2008 and ending March 31st, 2009 is a very good news and should motivate all our members to work even harder to demonstration of our capacity to act significantly on the way farm safety becomes parts of the preoccupations of every Canadian farmer.

Achieving and creating a safe farm workplace and promoting farm safety has to be for everyone of us involved in safety program a daily preoccupation.

It is our belief at the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association that promotion of good farm safety principles and practices that leads to safer Canadian farms. We all have to work together as we do so well and will continue so in the months and years to come.

Bruce Johnson  
Chairman

## News

### CASA Membership

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association membership is open to anyone. Membership with CASA provides an opportunity to address current concerns, network with individuals and organizations with similar goals, to be informed of events and activities and to receive newsletters and information about the Annual Conference. You can also have the opportunity to advertize your organization's agricultural safety event for free. With the CASA Liaison newsletter being sent to over 800 readers across Canada, what a great way to spread the word of your event. If you would like more information about membership or would like to sign up as a member, please complete the form provided on our Website at [https://secure.encryptedtransactions.com/casa-acsa/members\\_membership.html](https://secure.encryptedtransactions.com/casa-acsa/members_membership.html)

# Get to know the CASA Board



## Meet our CASA Vice-Chairperson **Denis Bilodeau:**

Denis Bilodeau is the second vice-president of the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA), he was elected in December 2005. He is a swine, beef and cereal producer in the town of Warwick in the Bois-Francs region.

His participation in agricultural unionism started in 1985. His journey gradually led him to the presidency of the Regional Federation of the

UPA Centre-du-Quebec in 1995, a position he held for ten years.

Meanwhile, he became a member of the Executive Council of the Confederation of the UPA, from 2001 to 2005. His career was also marked by his involvement in community. He was always involved in prevention whether at the regional, provincial and now national levels.

In his spare time, Denis enjoys the outdoors and his snowmobile in winter time. He often says how much he likes to work on the farm and to walk his land.

The place that he believes everyone should visit at least once in their lives: his region, the Bois-Francs, a country of forests and hills.

## Project to discover



### **The prevention of musculoskeletal problems in the agricultural sector by the Union des producteurs agricoles**

Back pain, shoulder pain, lumbar sprain, tendinitis, bursitis, epicondylitis: these are some farm-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs).

From March 12th to 19th, the regional federations of the UPA organized

throughout Quebec: workshops, demonstrations and meetings on MSDs and other subjects regarding prevention. All producers and agricultural workers were invited to come and share their ideas and ways of doing things.

Specific activities for sensitizing youth were also planned since young workers represent a particularly vulnerable group with regard to workplace accidents. In agriculture, one accident in four affects a worker of 24 years or less.

To help farmers and agricultural workers identify problems and to make the appropriate corrections, the UPA and the CSST produced the guide Prevention of musculoskeletal disorders in the agriculture sector. ( La prévention des troubles musculo-squelettiques dans le secteur de l'agriculture).

This free guide can be obtained from regional federations of the UPA and regional offices of the CSST. The guide is also available on the website of the CSST at [www.csst.qc.ca](http://www.csst.qc.ca)

## Dates to remember:

- The CASHP deadlines are May 16th and July 18th. Applications can be found on our website or by visiting: <http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/PDF/CASHP%20Application%20Formulaire%20de%20demande%20PCSSA%20v15.pdf>
- Deadline to hold a 2009 Safety Day in your community is July 15th, 2008. English and French applications will be available on CASA and Progressive Agriculture Websites.
- CASA will be sending out our membership renewals in June. Membership can be renewed by cheque or as an online payment. If you would like to become a member, please visit our website to submit an application.
- CASA Board Call for Nominations will be September 2nd – 12th. This year any Council member can run to be on the Board. More information on the upcoming election will be posted on our website.
- The National Institute Farm Safety (NIFS) Conference will be taking place in Lancaster PA from June 22nd -26th. NIFS 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. NIFS provides opportunities for sharing information about research and intervention programs, improving professional skills and knowledge, networking and other supportive activities.
- CASA AGM and Farm Safety Summit will take place October 22nd -24th in Saskatoon SK.

If you would like to advertise an agricultural safety event in the CASA newsletter, your request can be sent to [hbrownlee@casa-acsa.ca](mailto:hbrownlee@casa-acsa.ca), and we will do our best to post your event in our following newsletter.



# Project to discover 2

## Pilot Project for 50 ROPS in BC Farm and Ranch

The goal of this project is to supply and install ROPS over 50 tractors. In BC the project will determine the most efficient and economical approach to providing a cost effective ROPS that producers can easily obtain and either install themselves or have others install at a minimal cost.

Tractor overturns continue to be the leading cause of fatal injuries in primary agriculture across Canada. The Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program (CAISP) reported 1086 fatalities from 1990 to 2000. Forty-five percent (45%) of those were tractor related. British Columbia is not exempt.

The "Pilot Project for 50 ROPS in BC" is a 1.5-year project starting in July of 2007 and concluding in March of 2009. The Project, because of the size is broken into Phase 1 and 2. Phase 1 will start approximately July 1st 2007 and conclude March 31st 2008. Phase 2 will commence April 1st 2008 and conclude in March 2009. We are confident that when the project is complete there will be inexpensive ROPS options for producers, and the net result will reduce human suffering and cost to industry. FARSHA will work with the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute and other experts who have been conducting similar work.

Towards the end of the project, FARSHA will conduct a communications and social marketing campaign to promote the outcome of the analysis and the availability of the effective - less expensive ROPS. FARSHA may, after the project, (pending additional funding) offer a ROPS installation incentive program, where the cost could be partially off-set by FARSHA.

For more information: [farmsafe@farsha.bc.ca](mailto:farmsafe@farsha.bc.ca)

## Did you know? 2

- As part of the CASA strategy, we have identified the need to develop a Corporate Partnership program. In order to proceed with this initiative CASA will be advertising for a Development Officer in the near future. Check our website for more details.
- The Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are now occurring across Canada. To learn more about the program or if there is a Safety Day happening in your area, please visit [www.progressiveag.org](http://www.progressiveag.org).
- Co-chairs, Margaret Herbert Public Health Agency and Pam Fuselli, CASA Board Member continue with the CAISP transition process. The co-chairs will be meeting shortly to appoint members to the CAISP Executive Steering Committee. CASA is soliciting quotes for the development of a communications strategy to aid in the transition process.
- Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete the newsletter survey. Your comments will be used to better our upcoming newsletters.

