



Liaison CASA

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Word from the Chairman



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Did You Know That?

- CASA is holding a session on June 24th, 2007 at the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Convention Centre in Penticton, British Columbia prior to the 2007 NIFS Annual conference, for presentation of a draft business plan and strategy to garner support. Please visit <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~agsafety/NIFS/meetings2005.htm> or follow links on CASA website at www.casa-acsa.ca to register online for the 2007 NIFS Annual conference.
- CASA is prepared to offset the travel costs. ONLY the CASA Council is eligible for travel offset funds associated with airfare and/or ground transportation to be incurred through your participation in the June 24th meeting. However, CASA Council is responsible for the registration fee to participate in the NIFS conference, as well as hotel expenses. CASA Council members are encouraged to find sponsors to offset the NIFS conference registration and accommodation costs.

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Langley Host of the Official Proclamation

British Columbia ranchers and producers were invited to join the Hon. Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture, for the launch and ministerial proclamation of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Week on March 12th, in Langley.

A poster depicting the operational symbols for entanglements, pinch points, crushes and highlighting the importance of guarding was sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred Ltd. and is being distributed in support of the farm safety campaign. The launch was also host of a variety of safety demonstrations, including a new pot lifting tool developed in cooperation with the Farm and Ranch Safety & Health Association, and the First Aid on the Farm program designed by St. John's Ambulance.

Good Launch, Bad Weather

The Quebec Farm Safety Week and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Week were launched simultaneously on March 5th and went beautifully!

About 45 people braved the blustering and whiteout conditions to attend, and most stayed for the workshop afterwards. Three print reporters were in attendance from La Terre de Chez Nous, Valleyfield Sun and the Ormstown paper. There had also been two radio interviews earlier in the week and the television station called to say they would come out later in the week to see the farm as the weather was bad. All the speakers did a great job and a special thanks needs to be extended to Gilles Brault and his sons and family for all the extra work they did preparing for this event. A special thanks also goes out to everyone at UPA who did such a wonderful job. Thanks to everybody for this event - first class all the way!

Well done!



In Ontario The Farm Safety Association (FSA)

A Vision

The elimination of all workplace injuries and illnesses.

A Mission

To promote safe, healthy workplaces and lifestyles for the Agricultural, Horticultural and Landscaping industries in Ontario

About FSA

The Farm Safety Association (FSA) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1973 and is a "designated entity" under the Workplace Safety & Insurance Act (WSIA).

Achieving Safer Workplaces

Safe workplaces not only mean better health and quality of life for workers; they translate into benefits for employers as well, in the form of more profitable business and lower premiums.



The goal of the FSA is to:

- help our companies build productive and effective workplace relationships so that the Internal Responsibility System in their workplace operates to its highest potential, and
- act as a resource through our services and products which will enable member workplaces to improve their safety performance.

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Annual Conference

The 34th Farm Safety Association Annual Conference and General Meeting will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on the 26th & 27th of March, 2007.

Workshops to Attend

Every year, the Farm Safety Association and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) invites farmers to attend public workshops hosted in different areas. The workshops address employers and employees and focus primarily on the development of workplace health and safety policies.

What FSA Does

FSA supports industry and government in developing standards, procedures and regulations to improve health and safety for the agriculture industrial sector. FSA offers a broad range of printed, video and digital products and services including training and consultation. These include a newsletter entitled Farmsafe, statistical information, and guideline reporting.

Available Products

- The ASAP: A safety audit program designed specifically for farmers
- Annual Report
- CD-ROM
- Decals
- Factsheets
- Farmsafe Publication
- Manual
- Literature
- Placemats
- Poster
- Videos and DVD'S
- Warning Signs

To find out more, visit their website at <http://www.farmsafety.ca/index.html>

Dates to Remember

April 2007

- Second CAISP transition team meeting to be held.
- Meeting with AAFC and CFA to get feedback on framework for next CASA submission.

May 2007

- CASHP call for projects issued (tentative).
- CASA to develop draft business plan for AAFC to consider.
- Progressive Agriculture Safety Days held across Canada. Please contact Holly 204-275-8874 or hbrownlee@casa-acsa.ca if you wish to volunteer.

June 2007

- National Institute for Farm Safety (NIFS) Annual conference June 24-28, 2007 in Penticton, British Columbia.

August - October 2007

- Elections and membership renewals.
- Second call for CASHP projects.

November 2007

- CASA AGM to be held at 3:30 p.m. November 11th, 2007 (see details below).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CASA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Westin Harbour Castle - Toronto, November 11th, 2007 prior to the 2007 Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference, November 11-13, 2007 also held at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

To register for the 2007 Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion conference, please follow links on the CASA website homepage or visit <http://www.injurypreventionconference.ca/>

Travel Reimbursement:

ONLY CASA Council (or designates) are eligible to recover the travel and hotel costs for participation at the CASA AGM. Travel costs which CASA is prepared to offset are air/ground transportation, as well as hotel accommodation limited to November 11th & 12th ONLY. In addition, CASA Council is responsible for the registration fee to participate in the Canadian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference.

* If unsure of your status on CASA Council, please contact the CASA office at 204-452-2272 or info@casa-acsa.ca

