

# Liaison CASA

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Agriculture and  
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## Did You Know That?

- CASA held its 2007 AGM November 11th in Toronto. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to view our recorded webcast of the meeting through our website at [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca)
- Over 1800 individuals received agriculture safety resources from the CASA Exhibit at Agribition at Regina SK from November 18th – 24th.
- CAISP (Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program) recently released the "Fatal and Hospitalized Agricultural Injuries among Children and Youth in Canada". There is no clear trend showing that the number of deaths per year are either increasing or decreasing over time. Almost two thirds (66.1%) of all deaths involved agricultural machines. The top three causes of hospital admissions in children and youth under 20 were animal events (17.8%), machine entanglements (15.7%), and falls from height (14.8%).

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## Word from the Chairman

Winter time is a good time for making farm safety plans. As agricultural families are busy preparing for the new season making plans during the early months of the year it is a good time for husband and wife work together with their children to enforce their family farm safety plan.

It takes the cooperation and efforts from all members of the family to implement a successful farm safety program.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the CASA Office Staff I wish you all a happy and safe Holiday Season and New Year

Bruce Johnson  
Chairman



## Manage more than your back

The 2008 Canadian Agricultural Safety Campaign "**Manage more than just your back**" theme will 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 will be available on-line by mid-January from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) [www.cfa-fca.ca](http://www.cfa-fca.ca) and Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca) in partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).



# News

CASA is pleased to announce our 2007-2008 **CASA Board of Directors:**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Bruce Johnson, Farm and Ranch Agricultural Safety Association
<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	Denis Bilodeau, L'Union des producteurs agricoles
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dean Anderson, Farm Safety Association
<b>Secretary</b>	Laurel Aitken, Alberta Agriculture
<b>Director</b>	Lloyd Evans, Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee
<b>Director</b>	Pam Fuselli, Safe Kids Canada
<b>Director</b>	Lauranne Sanderson, Nova Scotia Agricultural College



CASA's Annual General Meeting in Toronto



Past Chairman Glen Blahey handing over the Board Gavel to CASA's new Chairman Bruce Johnson



CASA Booth at Regina Agribition



Chemical Look-A-Like Resource at CASA Booth at Agribition

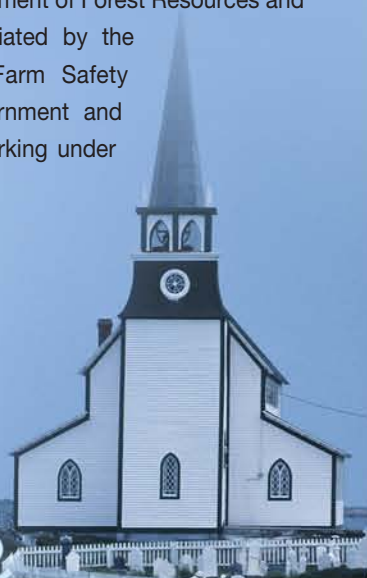
## Farm Health and Safety in **Newfoundland and Labrador**

A Farm Health and Safety Checklist has been prepared by the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture with financial assistance from the Canadian Agricultural Safety Program (CASHP) and the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods. The project was initiated by the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Safety Committee, comprised of government and industry representatives, and working under the auspices of CASP.

This Checklist is based on work performed in other provinces. In particular, the Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee distributed a lengthy questionnaire on farm safety issues which yielded a high response rate from producers. As a result, critical farm health and safety issues have been identified in that province and strides are now being made to promote safety awareness throughout the sector. The Newfoundland & Labrador Farm Health and Safety Checklist is based on the Nova Scotia model.


**To know more:**

<http://www.newcomm.net/agricult/efpi/check.htm>





# Farm Safety in Prince Edward Island



The PEI Farm Health and Safety Web Site has been designed for those working in farm safety, including farm managers who are responsible for their health and that of others working in their operation. The site also focuses on children who bear the greatest risk in the farm environment.

The PEI Federation of Agriculture's Farm Health and Safety Program has also compiled a list of Training Initiatives. These initiatives include truck driver Class 3A rating, Spanish instruction for migrant farm workers, first aid training, safe chain saw operation, safe tractor operation for summer students, JVI forklift training, training in airbrakes, transportation of dangerous goods, WHIMIS, and possibly an electrical course from Holland College.

To know more:

<http://www.peifa.ca/farmsafety/index.html>



## Part 2 :

### Did You Know That?

- CASA would like to thank all the groups and individuals that provided feedback on CASA's Strategic Direction: "Protecting Generations of Canadian Agricultural Producers – 2008 to 2013". Feedback from the groups has been incorporated in the submission to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. CASA looks forward to working with each organization in the upcoming year.

- The 2006-2007 CASA Annual Report is now available on our Website. Material from this report may be reproduced with permission from CASA. [http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/PDF/CASA2007\\_En.pdf](http://www.casa-acsa.ca/english/PDF/CASA2007_En.pdf)

## Dates to Remember

- CASA will be holding its first Board Meeting with the new 2007-2008 Board of Directors in Winnipeg MB, **January 7th – 9th**. CASA Board will participate in an orientation and discussing activities and plans for 2008.
- 2008 CASA AGM and conference will take place **October 17th and 18th** in Saskatoon SK, prior to the 6th International symposium – Public Health and the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem.