

# Liaison CASA

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## Did you know?

- On average, 115 people are killed and another 1,500 are seriously injured by farm-related incidents in Canada each year - and many more minor injuries are never even reported.
- "Teaching by example is one of the strongest ways of communicating safety in the workplace," said Bob Friesen, President of the CFA. "Whether it is your children or employees, workers will learn how to do things by the way the farmer does it. That is why it is imperative for farmers and farm managers to set a good example and work safely."

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## A Word from the Chairman

"Farm safety is MY business." is the theme of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW), March 8-14, 2006. The campaign examines various aspects of risk management in the agricultural sector with a special focus on young workers between the ages of 15 and 29. The message "Farm safety is MY business." encourages farm owners and managers to make risk assessment and worker safety a priority in all aspects of their business. CASW is delivered by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) in partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

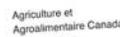
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# Even superheroes have sidekicks

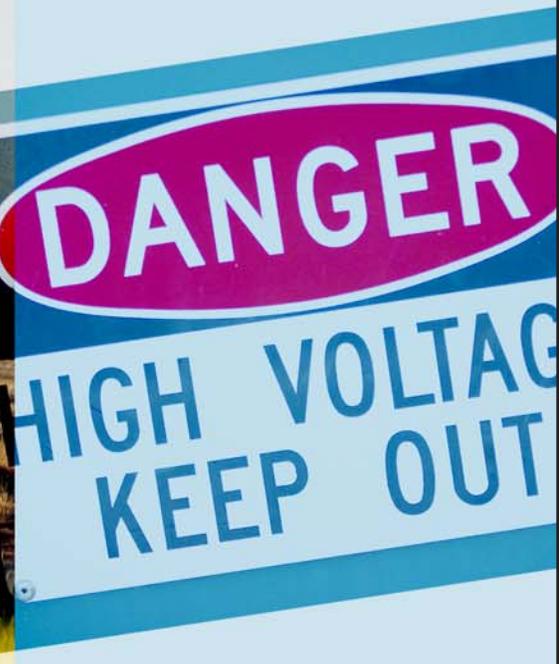
### Work together to make your farm safe for everyone

It's called superhero complex, and it makes some farmers try to do everything themselves. Instead, ask for help when you need it. Check up on employees every two hours. Let people know where you'll be working and when you plan on coming back. To be a real superhero, manage the safety risk in your operation.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 8-14  
Farm safety is my business



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## News

### Farm Credit Canada : a proud partner

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) has been the presenting partner of CASW since 1989. The company's commitment to the campaign is part of a broader mandate to promote safety in rural communities. The 2006 CASW campaign emphasizes risk management and how important it is for farm owners/operators to establish a safety program.

"Farm-related injuries and fatalities are often the result of predictable and preventable risks," says John Ryan, FCC President and CEO. "There is nothing more valuable than healthy, safe producers and employees - the farm's most valuable assets."

Effective farm management means committing to good safety practices and providing employees with education, training and resources so they can complete tasks efficiently and safely. This type of management helps employees feel valued and motivated to improve the overall productivity of the farm.

Safe farms are successful farms.



## Launch in Alberta

Alberta farmers and ranchers are invited to join in the launch of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week on March 6th, 10 a.m., at Olds College. The launch will be addressed by Jonas Johnson on behalf of CASA, Rod Scarlett, Executive Director of Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, and Brett Verhoeven, a young BC farm worker who survived entanglement in a power take-off (PTO). There will also be a variety of safety demonstrations such as how to properly fit and use a respirator. 3M Canada has generously donated respirators as the campaign promotional item and attendees will be welcome to watch the demonstration and take samples home. Anyone interested in receiving free sample respirators can e-mail their request to [farmsafety@cfafca.ca](mailto:farmsafety@cfafca.ca). More information on Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is available at [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca).

## Launch in New-Brunswick

New Brunswick farmers are invited to join The Hon. David Alward, Minister of Agriculture, at the launch of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week on March 8th, 10 a.m., at the Canada Research Station near Fredericton for a ministerial proclamation of the occasion.

## Did you know?

- As a farmer and employer, recognizing hazards is an important part of overall farm safety. Reducing hazards not only makes the work site safer, but it also demonstrates to employees that the farm owner is willing to make a commitment to improve workplace safety. Without this commitment, employees may be less willing to change their work practices because this would place the total responsibility for work-site safety on them. To be effective, safety performance expectations must be integrated into productivity expectations
- Too often, employers assume that employees know how to accomplish tasks in an efficient and safe manner. However, research has shown that while most farm-related injuries and fatalities have multiple causes, human error involving a lack of knowledge and poor judgment continues to be a major factor.
- You can download the Media Kit directly from CASA website?

## Key Dates

- Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW), **March 8-14, 2006**
- Casa Conference to be held in Canmore, Alberta, **November 15-17**

