

Liaison CASA

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A Word from the Chairman

In partnership with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is happy to work with Farm Credit Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to present the Canadian Agricultural Safety week between March 14 - 20, 2007.

"Protect Your Moving Parts!" - this year's campaign theme, focuses on creating awareness among farmers about the danger of pinch points, crushes, entanglements and the importance of guarding. This partnership goes to show that together we can contribute to making Canadian farms safer places to work and live in.

Glen G. Blahey
Chairman

News

March 14-20, 2007: The Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

The 2007 Canadian Agricultural Safety Week campaign is built around the theme "Protect Your Moving Parts!" The campaign deals mostly with the dangers of pinch points, crushes, entanglements and the importance of guarding. For additional information, visit the Canadian Agricultural Safety Week website: http://www.casa-acsa.ca/french/res_caswmedia.html

Partnering for Poster

In support of the year-long campaign, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited have partnered with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to produce a farm safety poster. The poster explains and illustrates more than a dozen industry standard operational and functional symbols used on farm machinery, as well as some important safety tips to remember when working around the farm. Producers are encouraged to hang the poster in their machine sheds where it will serve as a training tool for new workers or as a daily reminder to more seasoned producers. To get your free copy of the "Protect Your Moving Parts!" poster, email farmsafety@cfafca.ca or call (613) 731-7321.



Did You Know That...?

- On average, 115 people are killed and another 1,500 are seriously injured by farm-related accidents in Canada each year - and many more minor injuries are never reported. The sad fact remains that farming is one of the most dangerous occupations in the world.
- When it comes to farm safety, entanglements and being pinned or struck by machinery are the third most frequent cause of death on Canadian farms and ranches accounting for 14 per cent of all agricultural fatalities. This type of injury also accounts for more than a quarter (28 per cent) of farm-related hospitalizations, often resulting in severe injury and amputation.
- For additional information on the Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, contact: Theresa Whalen-Ruiter, CFA Farm Safety Coordinator. Tel.: (613) 731-7321, Email: farmsafety@cfafca.ca

Dates to Remember

- **March 11, 2007** - deadline for the submission of proposals for a marketing strategy for the implementation of CASA resources
- **March 14 - 20, 2007** - Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

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Those Involved

Bob Friesen, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture

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Art Stirling, Government and Industry Affairs Manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred



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Marketing Strategy for Implementing CASA Resources

CASA needs to develop a marketing strategy aimed to raise awareness about CASA resources and to encourage their use. If you are interested, you have until March 11, 2007 to submit your proposal. Visit our Website for additional information: <http://www.casa-acsa.ca/french/index.html>



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Free poster encourages "Protect your moving parts!"

Ottawa - The average farm is full of machinery and devices that can grab, cut, smash, and entangle fingers, hands, toes, and feet, causing injury to the extremities and even death. The sad truth is that most of these injuries can be avoided.

"Protect your moving parts!" is the theme of this year's Canadian Agricultural Safety campaign with a focus on pinch points, crushes, entanglements, and the importance of guarding. In support of the year-long campaign, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited have partnered with the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to produce a farm safety poster. The poster explains and illustrates more than a dozen industry standard operational and functional symbols used on farm machinery, as well as some important safety tips to remember when working around the farm.

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"By increasing an operator's recognition and understanding of the functions and actions of machinery, we believe it will help to achieve safer operation of machinery and thereby reduce the risk of injury or death," said Bob Friesen, CFA president. "It's important that everyone gets the same message from the same symbol."

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"As the hectic planting season approaches, this is a good time to remind farmers and ranchers across Canada to check their machinery and make sure all the guards and shields are firmly in place," said Art Stirling, Government and Industry Affairs Manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred, a national developer and distributor of seed products. "It only takes a few minutes to put a guard back on and doing so could prevent a lifetime of pain and regret."

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The Ted Brouwer Story



It was a beautiful summer day in July 2004 as Ted Brouwer, then 78, set about his work on his five-acre vineyard nestled near the village Oliver in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. His 350 Massey Ferguson tractor, circa 1965, had a low battery and didn't always start on the first try. After several vain attempts, Ted finally heard the roar of the

motor and then decided to take out the week's garbage to the side of the road where it would be collected. To do so, he used a standard size fruit bin on a rear mounted 3-point hitch fork attachment. "Gotta replace that battery soon," he reminded himself.

"I didn't want to turn the tractor off in case it wouldn't start again, so I thought I'd just leave it idling in neutral while I unloaded the garbage. The last thing I remember as I dismounted the tractor was my foot touching the ground," recalls Ted. As Ted stepped off the tractor, it rolled forward knocking him face down with the right rear wheel coming to stop lodged atop the middle of his back. Fortunately for Ted, a neighbour came by moments later and found him unconscious, turning blue, and bleeding from his nose.



When the ambulance arrived, an emergency room nurse who lived close by came to help and accompanied Ted to the hospital in Oliver, from which he was quickly transferred to the hospital in Kelowna, 125 km away. It was four days before Ted regained consciousness. "My first thought was 'How in the hell did I get here?'" Miraculously, Ted has not suffered any brain or organ damage. After a few days Ted was transferred to Penticton Hospital intensive care unit where he stabilized and was then transferred back to the hospital in Oliver, closer to home. It was then that began his long road to recovery, which would include learning to walk again.

"I was always very careful and made it a habit to turn off the tractor and place it in gear before dismounting so that this very thing wouldn't happen. But that one time... because the tractor wasn't starting... I thought it would be okay to just leave it idling," reflects Ted. "It just goes to show that when we become complacent - things happen. This was totally avoidable and preventable."

"The lesson here is that it is better to be an hour late for work than an hour early to the hospital," concludes Brouwer. "I'm lucky I can walk and drive [a tractor] today - but I make damn sure I turn the thing off before dismounting! I was lucky to have lived to learn my lesson."

The François Bérard Story



It was a beautiful fall morning in October 1993 when Francois Bérard, then 36, was planning the workday with his brothers Clement and Martin. The brothers were partners in Ferme Joliet near Joliette, Quebec, where they milked 55 Holsteins and cash cropped 450 acres of corn, soybeans and hay.

As he prepared to unload the first load of the day, Francois ran into a problem. The corn was bridging in the wagon. To solve the problem, Francois climbed up the wagon to break-up the bridging corn and get it flowing into the gravity shoot. All of a sudden, the wagon flipped upside down!

"I remember I was covered with corn and the upper edge of the gravity box was across my back at waist level," recalls Bérard. Francois' brother, Martin, who was just finishing milking, saw what was happening and knew his brother must be in trouble. Martin immediately called 911, then got the front-end loader tractor to lift the gravity box off of Francois. The ambulance arrived in about 20 minutes and took Francois to the Joliette

Hospital, 8 km away. From there, he was transported to Sacré Coeur Hospital in Montreal where they were better able to care for his injuries.

"When I woke up, it was three weeks later," says Francois. Francois' injuries included a ruptured pancreas and liver, and severe spinal damage from where the rim of the gravity box had landed across his back. After two surgeries and several sessions of physiotherapy, Francois began his long road of recovery, which would include learning how to live in a wheelchair.



"I don't think I could have prevented my accident," reflects Francois. "The gravity box was on a level cement pad and, the day before, I had used a good chain to secure the gravity box to the axle. Most farmers never put chains on the box to the axle - and nothing happens, but this time, it happened to me."

Francois was fortunate that his family knew what to do in the case of an emergency. 911 was called right away.

Seven months after the accident, Francois returned home and soon after got himself a freedom lift. The specialized hoist enables Francois to get in and out of the tractor by himself and he is happy to be able to do most of the fieldwork for the farm business. He also does all the welding and machine repairs that he can reach or that can be brought to his workbench.