



Liaison CASA

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Did you know

- To register online for the 12th Annual CASA conference, simply click on:
<http://www.casaacsa.ca/english/registrationintro.aspx>;
- You can view the program of the next conference at: http://www.casaacsa.ca/english/PDF/Program_at_a_Glance_en.pdf;
- For information on the CASA Conference 2006, you can contact:
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- Canmore Alberta is known as Canada's Mountain Playground. Canmore Alberta.com is a premier web source for more information about Canmore and the Bow Valley. It also includes a photo gallery and a webcam image of the Three Sisters Mountain Range and the Banff Gondola's live Sulphur Mountain.
- Canmore has enviable geographic placement. Lying only 1.5 hours west of Calgary's International Airport, 5 minutes East of Banff National Park (20 minutes to the town site of Banff), and virtually nestled into the northwest corner of Kananaskis Country, which is home to a multitude of Provincial and Wild-land Parks. Visit <http://www.tourismcanmore.com/> to learn more.

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A word from the chairman

Our lives revolve around opportunities! Over the next several months we, as an organization and we as individuals, will have the opportunity to make significant decisions that will influence the future well being and safety of everyone in the agricultural industry.

We would like to thank the Province of Alberta for giving CASA the opportunity to enjoy its hospitality and learn how the Alberta agriculture industry is able to compete with the oil industry and show that agriculture is safe, sustainable and rewarding.

CASA's AGM and conference is our opportunity to reflect on our past achievements and thank those who helped guide and nurture CASA. Thank you to the out going Board of Director members, Sharon Clark, Bruce Johnson, and Billy Woods. Their commitment and contributions are greatly appreciated.

The next year will be pivotal to CASA's future direction. I call on all CASA members and those who are not members but interested in agricultural safety and health to become involved in planning our future. This is our opportunity to develop a CASA strategy beyond 2008. On March 31, 2008, CASA's current funding agreement with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will come to an end.

Grasp the opportunity, Think Smart, FarmSMART

Glen G. Blahey
Chairman



News

12th Annual Canadian Agricultural Safety Association Conference

This year's theme "Taking Care of Safety is Good Business" will provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary professionals to:

- Highlight agricultural safety and health intervention, outreach and education approaches;
- Develop collaborative opportunities both within and between organizations to further agricultural injury prevention
- Disseminate research related to agricultural safety particularly in the areas of: engineering, age and abilities, and international policy.





Workshop summary

Professional development session

David M. Stuewe November 15th. David Stuewe is a Professor of Public Administration at Dalhousie University and an Associate of the RBC Centre for Risk Management. He currently is leading a research team to study safety leadership development and safety culture measurement. David Rolfe (president of KAP), Iola Elder and a guest to be named will put forward their political situation and respond to David's presentation. The moderator will be Mr Glen Blahey

Workshop A

HR Part of Good Business

Terry Betker of Meyers Norris Penny will talk about incorporation of Occupational Health and Safety as part of good business management from a risk reduction, hiring practices and employee retention.

Ergonomics

John Kozey who is an industrial engineer/ergonomist will talk on this issue in relation to agriculture at the conference. He will talk about ergonomic issues related to manual labour and intervention strategies.

Workshop B

Evidence to Action

Denis Bilodeau and a guest to be named will talk about positive experience to farm bottom line and employee satisfaction as a result of implementation of safety in the workplace.

Minimizing Risk in the Workplace

Jim Dosman will talk about research results that showcase the results of intervention methods in workplace.

Workshop C

Due Diligence

Dean Anderson and Dave Myrol. Dean will talk about how Ontario is helping farmers out with due diligence as a result stepping up of OH&S legislation. Dave Myrol will speak about the legal responsibilities.

Zoonotic Disease Risk for Workers

Craig Wilkinson will talk about risk of zoonotic disease transfer to workers

Communications workshop

The workshop should engage and commit participants to incorporating the 2007 Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) campaign event and/or materials as part of their own activities.

Implementing an OHA plan

Mike Waite will talk about strategies that can be used to get workers to use safety equipment and follow safe behaviours.

Risk Management Planning on Your Farm

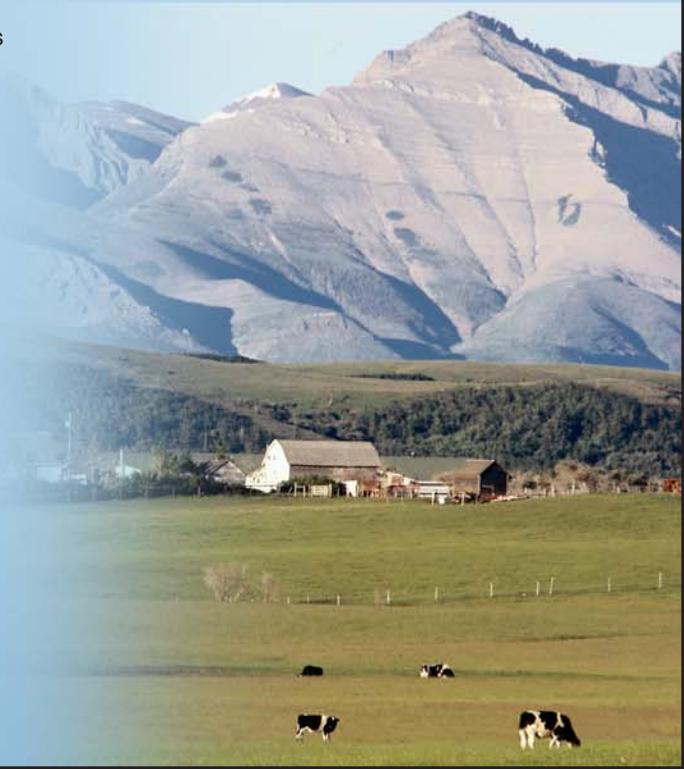
Leslie Watson of AAFC will explain the resources that are available for farms.



Canadian Agriculture Safety Week

This year Canadian Agricultural Safety Week will be March 14-20, 2007.

The theme is "Protect your moving parts!" with a special focus on pinch points, crushes, entanglements and the importance of guarding. Please contact Theresa Whalen-Ruiter, CFA Farm Safety Coordinator at (613) 731-7321 or farmsafety@cfafca.ca for additional information. Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is presented by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), Farm Credit Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, along with more than 500 farm safety advocate organizations across Canada.



About the Alberta Farm Safety Program

The Farm Safety Program mission is to promote agricultural safety and rural health to farm families and farm workers enabling them to make informed decisions about managing their personal risk.

Program Resources

CD's

- Farm Safety - It's no Accident!
 - A safety education and planning resource.
- Safe Farms
 - Includes the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks.
 - Includes senior's safety, a safety planning guide, farm family safety and health guide.

Booklets

- North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks
 - Also available on CD.
- Planning and Responding to Disasters in Canada
 - Prevention and response information for natural disasters.
- UGG Keep Safe
 - General information on farm safety.
- Make It Safe Make It Visible
 - Safe transport of farm machinery.

Activities for Kids

- Farm Safety Fun (A children's activity and colouring book 4-10 yrs).
- Farm Safety Puppets (Includes barn, puppets and storyboards preschool - 8 yrs).
- Farm Safety 4Just Kids Magnetic Board with storyboards (Covers equipment, animal and farm yard safety).
- Gravity Flow Wagon (Miniature grain wagon to teach children the dangers of flowing grain).

Promotional Items

- Farm Safety Star Tattoos
- A Safe Farm is a Great Place to Grow stickers
- Farm Safety Star pencils
- Plastic farm safety bags (9" x 14")

Displays (available for use by community groups, schools, etc)

- A safe farm is a great place (8' x 10') self standing
- Air quality display - kiosk style, information on air quality hazards and protective equipment.
- Standard hand signals display - tabletop, fun and interactive way to learn hand signals.

Videos

- Sixth Sense, What Matters Most - general farm safety
- Stay Away - Stay Alive, TransAlta - electrical safety

Brochures, Factsheets and Posters

- Various

Farm Safety Website

- Farm safety information and links <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/farmsafety>
 - Includes factsheets, statistics, printable posters and links to other sites.

For more information or to order any of these resources call Julie Splawinski @ 780-427-4187 or e-mail julie.splawinski@gov.ab.ca

Beautiful Alberta

As of April 1, 2005, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,236,906. This represents a yearly increase of approximately 46,500 persons (or 1.46% growth) since April 1, 2004. The Alberta economy has been strong for many years and as a result, the province continues to experience the highest net interprovincial migration in Canada. The main language spoken is English, although many other languages are spoken because of Alberta's multinational population. Alberta's population is highly-skilled. Most people live in urban centres. Albertans, in general, are described as being strongly independent and entrepreneurial.

Facts about agriculture in Alberta

- Alberta is Canada's 2nd-largest agricultural producer, earning 22% of Canada's farm cash receipts. Agriculture added C\$2.8 (or US\$2.4) billion to Alberta's gross domestic product in 2004.
- In 2005, agri-food trade accounted for C\$5 (or US\$4.3) billion in Alberta exports. Primary commodity exports were valued at about C\$1.9 (or US\$1.6) billion. Processed agri-food products were valued at C\$3.1 (or US\$2.6) billion.
- Alberta leads Canada in cattle and calf inventories, with 5.9 million head as of January 2006 (or 40% of the Canadian total).
- Alberta has 14% of Canada's total hog receipts.
- In 2005, Alberta farmers produced just over one-third of Canada's production of major field crops (wheat, oats, barley, canola, dry peas).
- Forests cover more than 60% of Alberta's total land base, equal to 94 million acres or almost 147,000 square miles. 87% is on public lands and managed for sustainable development.
- Alberta's forestry industry generates C\$3.8 (or US\$3.2) billion in revenues and provides 48,000 jobs.

Dates to remember

November 15-17, 2006

CASA Conference and Professional Development Sessions will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Canmore, Alberta.