



A Commitment to Agricultural Safety

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Resources for enriching lives.

CHS is a diversified Fortune 200 company providing essential grain, food and energy resources to businesses and consumers around the world.



CHS Stewardship

We are committed stewards in every community in which we do business through safe and sustainable operations, alongside contributions of our time and resources.

CHS Values...

- Our tradition of partnership and shared success
- Being responsible stewards in our communities



CHS Stewardship

CHS Stewardship encompasses:

- CHS Foundation
- Corporate Contributions
- Employee Volunteerism
- United Way
- Business Unit Sponsorship



CHS Foundation



Mission

The CHS Foundation is committed to investing in the future of rural America, agriculture and cooperative business through education and leadership development.



CHS Foundation



Five program areas:

- University Partnerships
- Rural Youth Leadership Development
- Cooperative Education
- Returning Value to Rural Communities
- Farm and Agriculture Safety



Agricultural Safety Concerns

Agriculture fatality rate is **eight times** that of the all-industry average

In an average year....

- 516 workers die while doing farm work each day
- 243 workers suffer lost-time injuries each day

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)



Agricultural Safety Concerns

Number of farms: *2.2 million*

Number of children living on farms: *1.12 million*

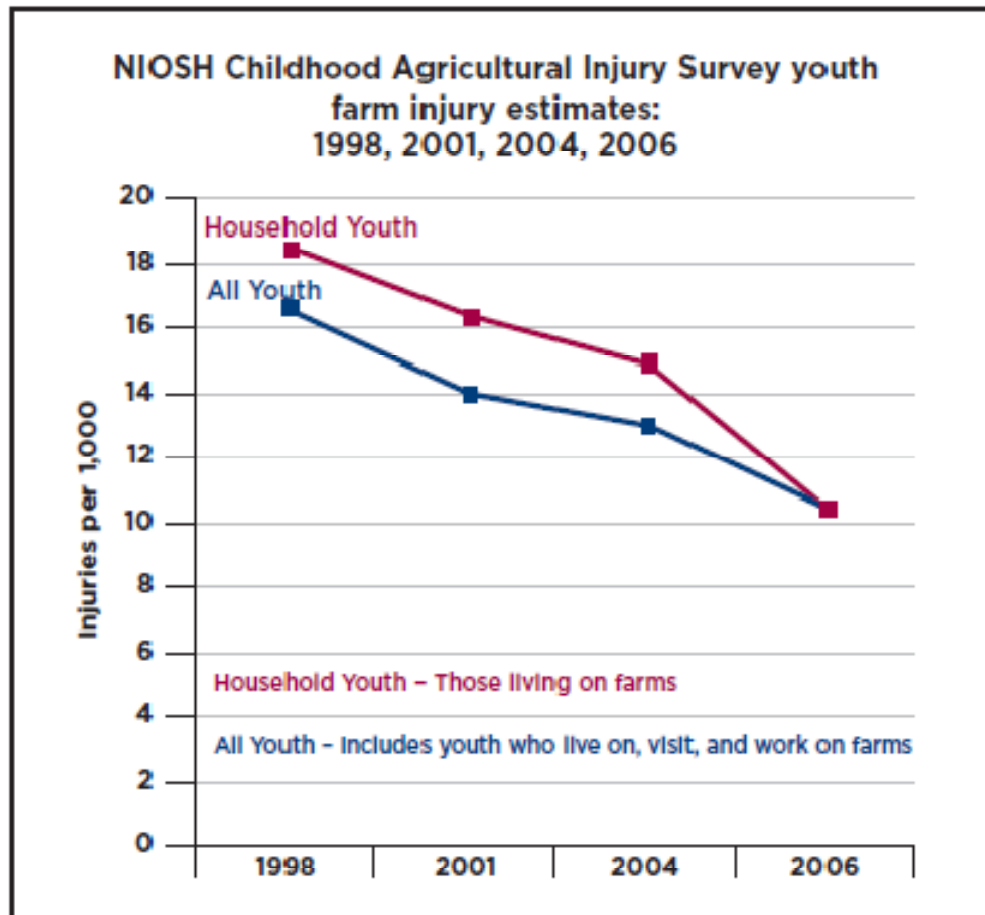
Number of children working on family farms: *590,000*

Number of children hired to work on farms: *307,000*

A child is killed in an agricultural worksite every 3.5 days and 63 young people suffer serious farm injuries each day, according to the latest federal data.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Agricultural Safety Concerns



- Leading sources of fatal injury:
machinery/tractors, motor vehicles and ATVs, drowning
- Safety programs create awareness and positive trends

-2006 NIOSH



What are we doing about it?

The CHS Foundation Supports:

- Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
- Progressive Agriculture Foundation
- AgrAbility
- AgriSafe
- Agricultural Safety & Health Council of America (ASHCA)



Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

The logo for Farm Safety 4 Just Kids is located to the right of the main title. It features the words "Farm Safety" in red above a red outline of a house. Inside the house is a red heart containing two white silhouettes of a child and an adult. Below the house is the text "Just Kids" in red, with a small red icon of a child to the left.

Mission: to promote a safe farm environment to prevent health hazards, injuries, and fatalities to children and youth.

FS4JK is a nonprofit organization based in Iowa, which serves the US and Canada. FS4JK provides resources and training to individuals and communities to conduct farm safety awareness and education programs.

Marilyn Adams, mother, farm wife, spokesperson, president and founder of FS4JK, travels the US and Canada as a child farm safety advocate.

email: marilyn@fs4jk.org
website: www.fs4jk.org



Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

A program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation



Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are fun, educational one-day events that teach home, farm and ranch safety lessons to 8- to 13-year-olds.



Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

A program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation



Over 360 safety days are held per year across the US and Canada.

22 safety topics are available including:

bike, water, first aid, farm and lawn equipment safety

Website: www.progressiveag.org



The AgrAbility Project assists people with disabilities employed in agriculture. The project links the Cooperative Extension Service at a land-grant university with a private nonprofit disability service organization to provide practical education and assistance that promotes independence in agricultural production and rural living.

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers the AgrAbility Project. The Project funds both a National and State AgrAbility Projects.

Website: www.agrabilityproject.org

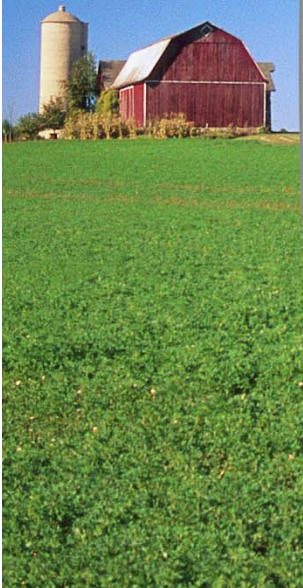


AgriSafe Overview

The AgriSafe Network represents health professionals who provide agricultural occupational health and safety services to farmers and their families.

Health professionals receive many benefits including access to educational materials, contact with other clinicians in the field, and updates on the most cutting-edge developments in agricultural safety and health.

Website: <http://agrisafe.org/>





AgriSafe Model

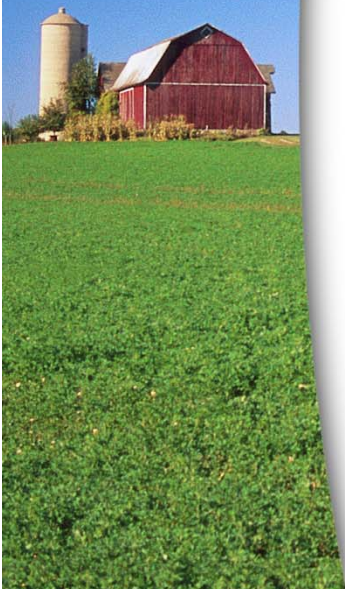
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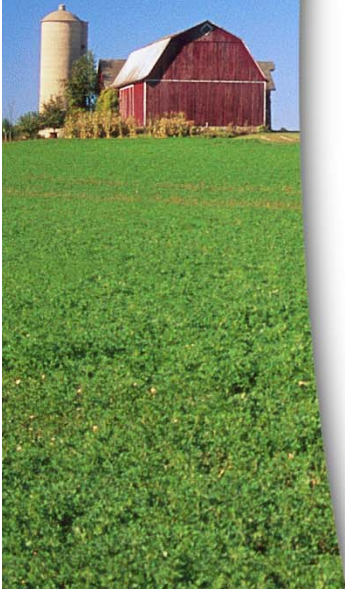
- Occupational health screenings
- On site farm site evaluations
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) sales and education
- Educational programs





Evidenced-Based Occupational Health Care





ASHCA

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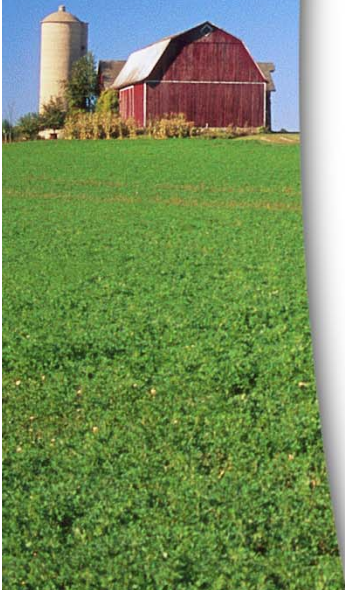
**AGRICULTURAL SAFETY &
HEALTH COUNCIL OF AMERICA**

Website: www.ashca.org Ph: 715.221.7270



Mission

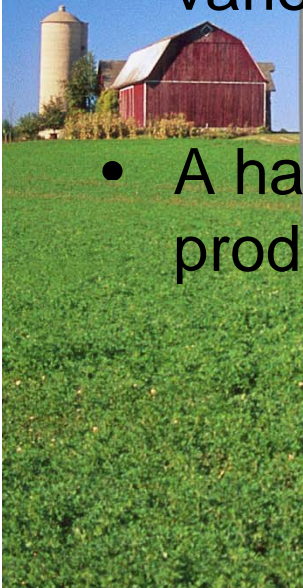
To proactively address ongoing and emerging occupational safety and health issues affecting U.S. agriculture.





Guiding Principles

- ASHCA will serve as a catalyst for strategies at a national level.
- U.S. agriculture is diverse, requiring strategies targeted to various regions, commodities, workers.
- A hazard-free and healthy workforce contributes to productivity, decreased costs, improved markets.





Guiding Principles (cont.)

- Initiatives for worker safety offer options for collaboration on non-competitive issues.
- Partnerships promote innovation across regions and disciplines, maximizing outputs and avoiding duplication.
- The agricultural industry's voice should guide research and program priorities of federal agencies.





Guiding Principles (cont.)

- Agricultural employers acknowledge unique safety concerns of workers deemed vulnerable by virtue of their age, gender, limited English language and literacy, documentation status, ethnicity, culture, and physical or cognitive disabilities.
- The agriculture industry bears responsibility for guiding national policy protecting workers' safety and health.





Council Goals

- Pursue national strategies to reduce agricultural injuries and fatalities, based on reliable data and emerging issues.
- Guide the development of effective delivery systems for safety and health through communications involving leaders representing producers, agribusiness, insurance, safety associations and others.
- Influence research priorities to rapidly identify best management practices for worker safety and health that maximize cost efficiency and sustainability.



Council Members

Voting members

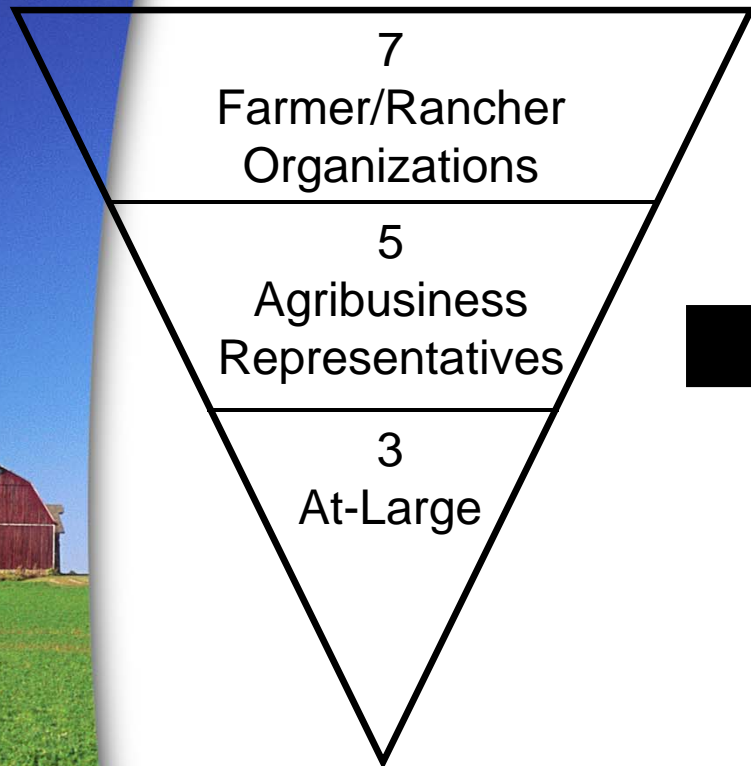
Representatives of major:

- Agricultural producers
- Agribusiness
- Government
- Academia
- Professional safety associations
- Non-government organizations

Associate members

Small organizations, associations or individuals

Council Leaders*



Officers:
•Chair
•Vice chair
•Secretary-Treasurer

**Elected by Voting members*



Charter Members

(as of May 2009)





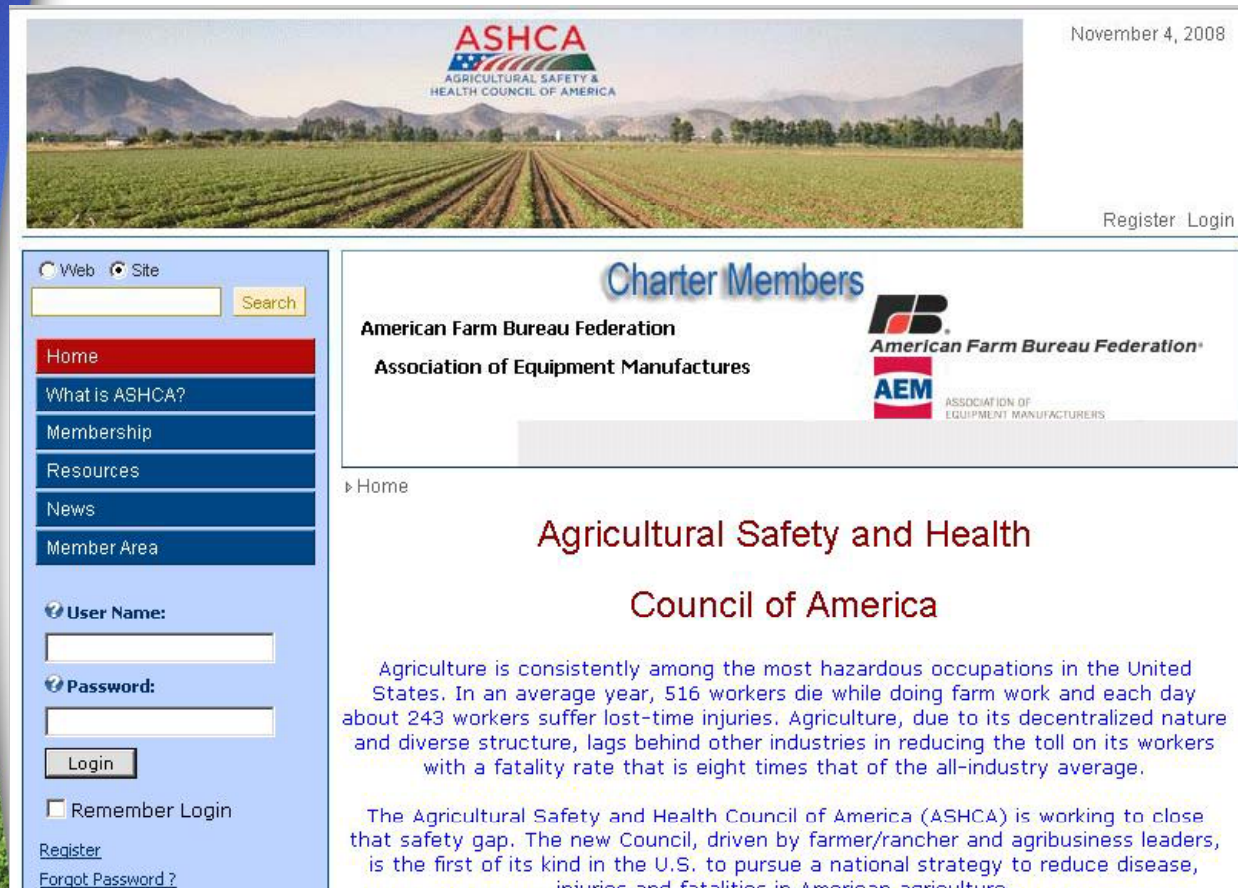
Newsletter

- Biannual newsletter featuring:
 - Best management practices
 - Insights for success
 - Upcoming events





Website (www.ashca.org)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA). At the top, there is a banner image of a field with mountains in the background, featuring the ASHCA logo and the date "November 4, 2008". Below the banner, there are navigation links for "Register" and "Login". On the left side, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a menu of links: Home, What is ASHCA?, Membership, Resources, News, and Member Area. Below the menu is a login section with fields for "User Name:" and "Password:", a "Login" button, and a "Remember Login" checkbox. At the bottom of the sidebar are links for "Register" and "Forgot Password?". The main content area features the heading "Charter Members" with logos for the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. Below this is a "Home" link and the main heading "Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America". The main text states: "Agriculture is consistently among the most hazardous occupations in the United States. In an average year, 516 workers die while doing farm work and each day about 243 workers suffer lost-time injuries. Agriculture, due to its decentralized nature and diverse structure, lags behind other industries in reducing the toll on its workers with a fatality rate that is eight times that of the all-industry average." Below this is a paragraph: "The Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA) is working to close that safety gap. The new Council, driven by farmer/rancher and agribusiness leaders, is the first of its kind in the U.S. to pursue a national strategy to reduce disease, injuries and fatalities in American agriculture."



Benefits to Members

- Interact with key agricultural leaders to achieve the mission of ASHCA
- Guide and facilitate ASHCA activities via committee involvement, programs, annual meetings
- Maintain close communication with leading agricultural organizations, agribusiness, academic researchers, others via organization website, newsletters, email communications
- Represent members of own organization by informing ASHCA of emerging issues, concerns, opportunities
- Help shape the future of ASHCA during this formative stage



Membership Annual Dues

Voting

Sustaining \$2,500

Association \$1,000

Associate (non-voting)

Organization \$250

Individual \$ 75



ASHCA Upcoming Event

January 27 – 28, 2010

**Annual Conference co-organized with NIOSH
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott**



Join agricultural leaders, safety practitioners, researchers, producers and farm workers as they share knowledge regarding evidence-based interventions and program experiences that lead to adoption of high quality, cost-effective safety practices for workers in agriculture.



Thank You

