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Canadian Agricultural Safety Week

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) runs the third week of March. It is a time to reflect on the importance of farm safety, and to provide farm families with the information and resources they need to make their farms safer. This year's theme is "Be an Ag Safe Family."

Farm Safety Nova Scotia is hosting an event "Get in the Know: Fueling your safety culture" this year during CASW. The event is designed to provide you with a variety of information and resources to help keep yourselves, your families and your employees safe. 🌱

Get in the Know: Fueling your safety culture

MARCH 15, 2016 — OLD ORCHARD INN, WOLFVILLE

The event is open to farmers, their families, farm employees and industry stakeholders at no cost! However, you must **pre-register by March 11** to attend.

9:30am – The Basics of Farm OHS

This session will be a basic overview of your occupational health and safety requirements as a farm employer. The session will be delivered by Inspectors with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education so you will also get a better understanding of what they look for when inspecting your farm.

10:30am – Safe Use of Pesticides

Peter Burgess of Perennia will be discussing the risks associated with pesticide use, focusing on exposure and toxicity and covering some basic measures required to keep yourself safe. **1 pesticide recertification point.**

Noon: Lunch will be provided

1 pm – Rules of the Road

Education and Outreach Officer with Vehicle Compliance, Laurie Hurley will be reviewing some of the rules of the road as they apply to farmers. This includes information on vehicle registration, vehicle dimensions and safe trailering.

2:15pm – Protecting Your Farm

Angela Peckford with the Office of the Employer Advisor will be providing an overview of Workers' Compensation. From this session you will get a better understanding of the protection WCB provides and what should be taken into consideration when deciding what type of insurance coverage best suits you.

Be an **AgSafe** FAMILY
Keeping Kids Safe

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MARCH 13-19, 2016
#AgSafeFamily

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March – April Training Schedule

Each course requires a minimum number of participants and Farm Safety Nova Scotia reserves the right to cancel courses due to low enrollment.

Members may also request training to be hosted in their community or at a farm. Contact FSNS to schedule a training course in your area.

Confined Space Entry Awareness

Participants will learn about the hazards of working in confined spaces on the farm, and the protective measures and equipment that help ensure a safer working environment.

Who should attend?

Those required to enter confined spaces on the farm.

Cost: ~~\$190~~ **FSNS Member Cost: \$75**

March 8	Truro	9 am – 4 pm	Lunch provided
March 10	Berwick	9 am – 4 pm	Lunch provided

Delivered in partnership with Safety Services Nova Scotia.

WHMIS

This course is designed to educate a worker, supervisor or manager on the major elements of the WHMIS Program. The student is taught how to implement a WHMIS Program in compliance with existing legislation.

Who should attend?

Anyone working with or in proximity to controlled products.

Cost: ~~\$50~~ **FSNS Member Cost: \$40**

April 5	Truro
April 7	Berwick
April 12	Cumberland (exact location TBD)

Delivered in partnership with Safety Services Nova Scotia.

To register for a course contact:

info@farmsafetyns.ca (902) 893-2293

Tractor Safety

This course is designed to increase awareness and test competency of tractor operators with regards to safe operation and use of farm tractors and implements.

Who should attend?

- 14–16 year olds with a valid Nova Scotia Class 8 driver’s license who want to be able to haul equipment on Nova Scotia roads and,
- Others who have a valid class 5 driver’s license and want to increase their tractor safety knowledge and skills.

Cost: \$225 + HST

April 29 – 30	Antigonish
April 30 – May 1	Middleton
May 14 – 15	Truro

To register for the tractor course contact:

Extended Learning, Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture
extended.learning@dal.ca

Available Training

The following courses are available through Farm Safety Nova Scotia for 2016. Visit www.farmsafetyns.ca for locations and details.

- First Aid (Emergency, Standard and Spanish)
- Tractor Operator Safety
- OHS for Farm Owners & Managers
- Confined Space Entry Awareness
- Forklift Awareness – upon request only
- Chainsaw Safety – upon request only

There are also a number of **online training courses** available on the FSNS website. Cost per course varies.

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| • WHMIS | • Worker Health and Safety Orientation |
| • Joint OHS Committee Orientation | • Workplace Hazards: Identification, Assessment and Control |
| • Lockout/Tagout | • Workplace Inspections |
| • Confined Space Awareness | |

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“Be an Ag Safe Family”



VanOostrum's will offer a **20% discount** on all safety-related items purchased during the **month of March**. Applies to PTO shields, lights, SMV signs, etc.



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Training not only ensures the safety of your employees, it also promotes efficient and productive workplaces.



What training do we need on our farm?

As an employer you are responsible for providing your employees with the training they need to perform their duties. A question that is often asked and one that doesn't always have a straight forward answer, "What training do we need on our farm?". The fact is that the training required differs with every farm and you need to do a review of your operation to determine what training your employees need.

One of the best ways to determine what training you require is to do a task review. In terms of identifying training requirements, you would identify the tasks performed on your farm and then identify the training required for each task. While this may seem like a daunting task, you are already likely doing some of the training and you may have multiple tasks that require the same training.

For example, you may hire someone to do field work for you. This could include a variety of tasks (e.g. mowing, harrowing, baling) but the training required is very similar for each task. Yes, training for each particular implement may require some fine tuning, but the basic training required for these tasks is the same. The employee must be trained in safe tractor operation and how to hook-up and operate implements.

After identifying the training your employees need, you then need to decide where they will get that training. Some training may be delivered in-house and other by a third-party. The key is that whoever is providing the training must be competent. In the world of health and safety, competent means that you have an understanding of the task and an understanding of the applicable regulations. While there are certain trainings, such as first aid, that must be delivered by a certified body, much of the necessary training can be done in-house if you have a competent trainer in-house. If there is not someone in-house with an understanding of the task and applicable

regulations then you will have to have a third-party provide the training.

Recognizing that the training needed will depend on your farm, there are a number of training requirements identified in the regulations. While you will have to consult the regulations to determine your farm's requirements, here is a list of a few of the regulated training topics commonly required on farms:

- First aid
- WHMIS
- Forklift
- Confined space
- Fall protection

The most important thing to remember is that your employees must be trained to perform their jobs safely. This includes training for tasks such as tractor operation that are not necessarily specified in the regulations. Providing your employees with training is essentially providing your employees with the knowledge they need to perform their tasks. This not only ensures the safety of your employees, it also promotes efficient and productive workplaces. Make sure you keep a record of all the training you provide for your employees and have your employees sign those records. If it's not documented, it didn't happen. 🌱

Agricultural Equipment Dealers Supporting CASW Campaign

Farm Safety Nova Scotia is pleased to announce—

**Blueline New Holland
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VanOostrum Farm Equipment**

will offer **20% discounts** on safety related items during the month of March!

As you start thinking about the upcoming cropping season, this is a great opportunity to ensure your equipment is in safe operating condition. Some of the items eligible for a discount include:

- PTO guards
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- Personal protective equipment
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(left) Oxford Frozen Foods has been hosting Progressive Agriculture Safety days in the Maritimes and in Maine since 2011. Over 3500 Grade 4 & 5 students from 70 schools have gone through the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days to date. This upcoming year, Oxford will be hosting Progressive Agriculture Safety days in Oxford, Truro and Middleton for schools in the region.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days



A fun-filled day of learning for children aged 9 – 13.

Registration fee is \$10/child or \$20/family. Pre-registration required.

10am – 2pm (Drop-off between 9:30am – 10am)

Bridgewater
Saturday, May 14

Register with
colin.hirtle@novascotia.ca
or (902) 634-7575

Antigonish
Saturday, May 28

Register with
Dawn.Barrington-Hodgson@novascotia.ca
or (902) 863-7501

Topics for demonstrations and discussions include:

Tractor Safety Chemical Safety ATV Safety Fire Safety Animal Safety
Food Safety ...and more!

This Safety Day includes lunch, snacks and a T-shirt!

For additional information contact Farm Safety Nova Scotia
(902) 893-2293 or info@farmsafetyns.ca



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What is a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day?

The mission of a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day is simple—to provide education, training and resources to make farm and ranch life safer and healthier for children and their communities.

It is a program delivered by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

For more information visit
www.progressiveag.org



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