



## Farm Safety Nova Scotia Celebrates Canadian Ag Safety Week

Farm Safety Nova Scotia is celebrating Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) 2017 by hosting a variety of workshops across the province between March 12 – 18<sup>th</sup>.

“Canadian Agricultural Safety Week helps to raise awareness in the farming community,” said Trevor Forbes, the President of Farm Safety Nova Scotia, “It’s a good reminder for farmers to keep safety in mind as we come into our busier seasons.”

There are a number of equipment dealers providing 20% discounts on select safety items during the month of March, in support of CASW in Nova Scotia. Blueline New Holland, Central Equipment, Green Diamond Equipment and VanOostrum’s Farm Equipment are all participating in this initiative.

“We’re happy to have the support of industry partners on this,” said Trevor Forbes, “It shows their support of our farming community.”

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) is an annual public awareness campaign focusing on the importance of farm safety. Under the three-year theme of “Be an AgSafe Family,” this year organizers are “Appealing to Adults” and asking all farm safety champions to work together to improve safety on Canadian farms. Although the campaign lasts for only a week, farm safety is important all year around. That’s why organizers have made available free online resources that farmers can access and use on their operation any time of year.

“We all want to see Canadian farms be safe and productive,” says Marcel Hacault, Executive Director of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. “Ag Safety Week is an opportunity for farmers, community leaders and organizers to appeal to the adults in their lives and show their commitment to farm safety.”

This year, CASW organizers have published free resources that can help producers achieve their goal of a safe and productive farming operation. These resources include information about creating a general policy statement, toolbox talks and a women’s health series. For more information about CASW resources visit the campaign website at [agsafetyweek.ca](http://agsafetyweek.ca).

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## 2017 CASW Workshops

Interested in attending one of the CASW workshops?

Be sure to register with [info@farmsafetyns.ca](mailto:info@farmsafetyns.ca) or (902)893-2293.

### OHS for Farm Owners & Managers

**Monday, March 13 – Berwick: 9am – 4pm**

FSNS Member Cost: \$75 (Lunch provided)

Participants will learn about the basics of occupational health and safety and will be provided with a basic understanding of their roles and responsibilities with relation to safety.

### WCB Info Session

**Wednesday, March 15 – Truro: 1:30pm – 4pm**

Have you ever wondered how WCB works? What benefits it provides? Wondering if it is a good fit for your business. Enrolled in WCB but unsure of how it works? These sessions will provide a basic overview of WCB coverage including: rates, registration and benefits.

### Road Safety - Rules of the Road

**Thursday, March 16 – Baddeck (Saint Michael's Hall): 1-3pm**

**Thursday, March 16 – Antigonish (Department of Agriculture Offices): 7pm-9pm**

Review of the Transportation Guidelines for Nova Scotia Farmers. This includes information on vehicle registration, vehicle weights and dimensions and safe trailering.



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**March 1 – 31**  
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## Upcoming Events

### OHS Committees

**March 21 – Berwick: 8:30am – 4:30pm**

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

Participants will learn the responsibilities of a Health & Safety Committee, how such committees should function and how to apply the lessons learned to the operation of their own committee and organization.

### Save the Dates!

April 22 – Truro Young Operator Day (Ages: 14-21)

May 13 – Brookfield Progressive Ag Safety Day (9-13)

June 10 – Berwick Progressive Ag Safety Day (9-13)

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