

## Canadian agriculture industry to benefit from new safety training fund

**March 4, 2010, Winnipeg, Manitoba** – An online survey of Canadian producers conducted by Farm Credit Canada (FCC) indicates that almost nine in 10 respondents (87 per cent) are interested in pursuing at least one agricultural safety training topic.

To meet this demand, FCC is investing \$100,000 in a fund administered by CASA that will be available to eligible organizations interested in creating and hosting agriculture safety training programs. These new programs will ensure farmers have access to more safety training and will increase the number of farm safety trainers. According to the FCC survey, CASA was the top choice when producers were asked where they go first for information on agricultural safety.

"Producers were very upfront about their safety training needs," says Greg Stewart, FCC President and CEO. "They told us they value farm safety and that they're looking for strategies to keep themselves, their families and their employees safe. Right across the country, producers are expressing an interest in running safer operations."

"CASA is so pleased to partner with FCC to offer funding for enhanced training opportunities," says Marcel Hacault, Executive Director of CASA. "We're looking forward to offering trainers the chance to develop new courses. The fund will also give organizations the opportunity to present the training courses producers say they'll actually use to manage risks in their workplace."

Applications for the fund will be accepted from September 13 to October 27. Watch for details at [www.planfarmsafety.ca](http://www.planfarmsafety.ca) and [www.fcc-fac.ca](http://www.fcc-fac.ca).

FCC has a long history of partnering with CASA to help make all farm operations a safe place to work and live. FCC, along with CASA, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, is a major sponsor of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week taking place March 14 to 20 across Canada. For further details, visit [www.planfarmsafety.ca](http://www.planfarmsafety.ca).

The online survey referenced above is an FCC Vision survey. The FCC Vision Panel consists of 9,000 producers and agribusiness operators from across Canada who regularly share their valuable opinions on agriculture-related topics. For more information regarding the study findings, visit: [http://www.fccvision.ca/InAction\\_Archive.aspx](http://www.fccvision.ca/InAction_Archive.aspx).

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