

Apply now to host a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in 2011

July 6, 2010, Winnipeg: Applications to organize a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® in your rural community next year are due July 15. Apply at www.progressiveag.org or call toll-free 1-888-257-3529.

This year, more than 12,000 rural kids are learning to be safer on the farm at 52 Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® in six provinces. They're joined by almost 3,000 volunteers who organize the events and lead activities to help make farm and ranch life safer and healthier for children

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program trains and provides resources for local community volunteers to conduct one-day, hands-on, educational farm Safety Days for children. Communities chosen to participate in the program receive at no cost:

- one and one-half days of training for the lead coordinator
- in-depth, step-by-step training materials
- liability and excess medical insurance the day of the Safety Day
- publicity
- welcome banners and copy-ready posters and certificates
- take-home bags and a t-shirt for each participant and volunteer

While the national program provides a suggested framework, coordinators tailor their Safety Day to meet the specific needs of the local community. They choose the location, date, and hours; number and age of participants; and which topics are taught. They recruit other volunteers as needed to teach the topics, serve as group leaders and seek local donations.

The program is run by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation with funding provided by numerous North American, state/provincial, and regional businesses and organizations. The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association provides logistical support for Canadian coordinators.

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