

2011 Farm Safety Report Card

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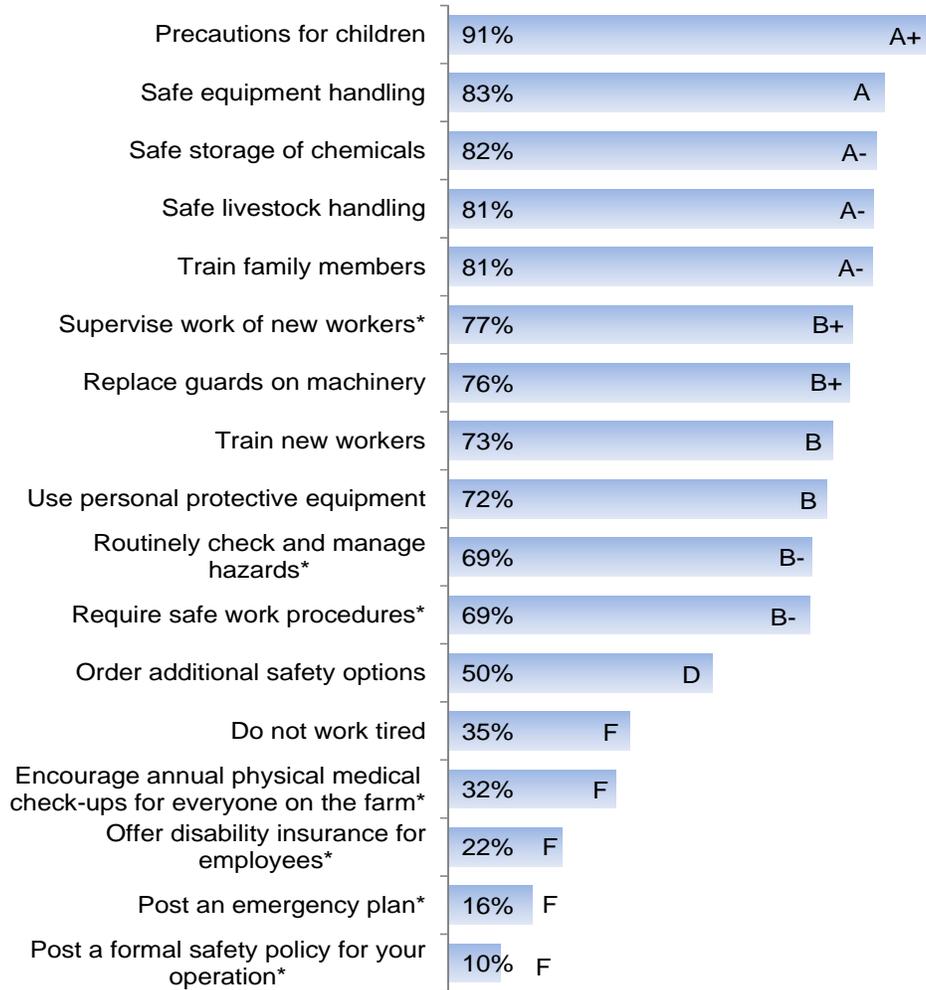
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Executive Summary

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Safety Report Card 2011



Please rank how often you feel your operation practises each of the following measures. (n=948)

*New safety measures added to the 2011 survey and not included in the overall 2011 farm safety grade.

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There is disparity between intention and action on farm safety.

The majority of producers (85%) across Canada believe safety is a priority on their farms, but only one in ten (9%) have a written safety plan. However, when it hits close to home the action follows the thought: nine in ten (91%) producers regularly take precautions for children and a third (35%) are interested in taking training on agricultural safety for children.

Old habits are hard to break.

As in 2008, the key barrier to practising farm safety is old habits. Producers continue to take shortcuts to get the job done as almost four in ten (37%) report old habits as being the reason for not practising safety measures on the farm.

Safety Report Card 2011vs 2008¹

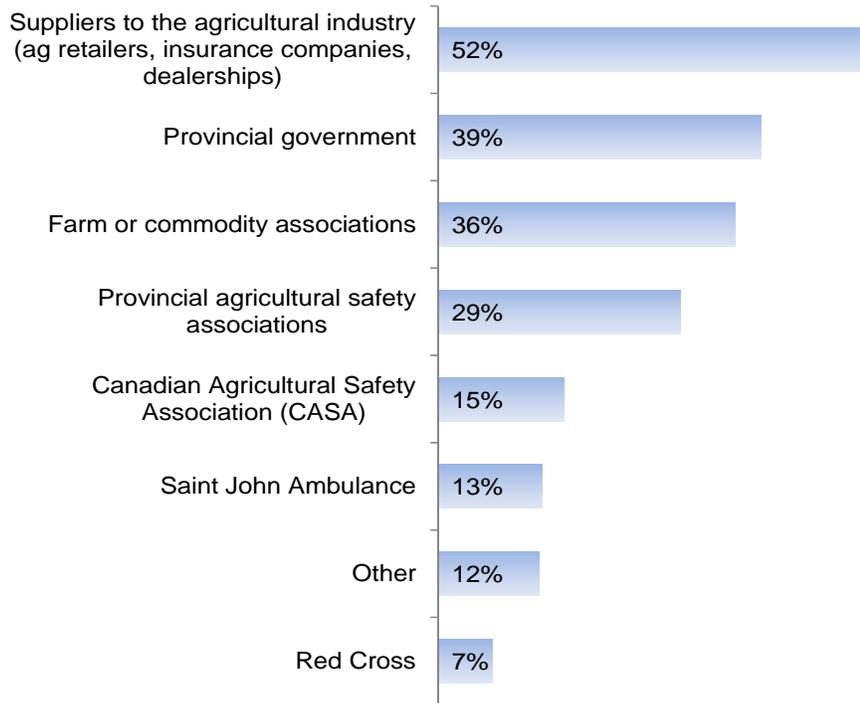
How often do you practise the following safety measures?

	2011	2008	+/-
Precautions for children	A ⁺ 91%	A ⁺ 93%	-2%
Safe equipment handling	A 83%	A 89%	-6%
Safe storage of chemicals	A ⁻ 82%	B ⁺ 79%	3%
Safe livestock handling	A ⁻ 81%	A 85%	-4%
Train family members	A ⁻ 81%	A 83%	-2%
Replace guards on machinery	B ⁺ 76%	B ⁺ 76%	0%
Train new workers	B 73%	B ⁺ 79%	-6%
Use personal protective equipment	B 72%	B ⁻ 68%	4%
Order additional safety options	D 50%	D 51%	-1%
Do not work tired	F 35%	F 34%	1%
Overall Grade	B 72%	B 74%	-2%

Please rank how often you feel your operation practises each of the following measures.
(2011 n=948, 2008 n=756)

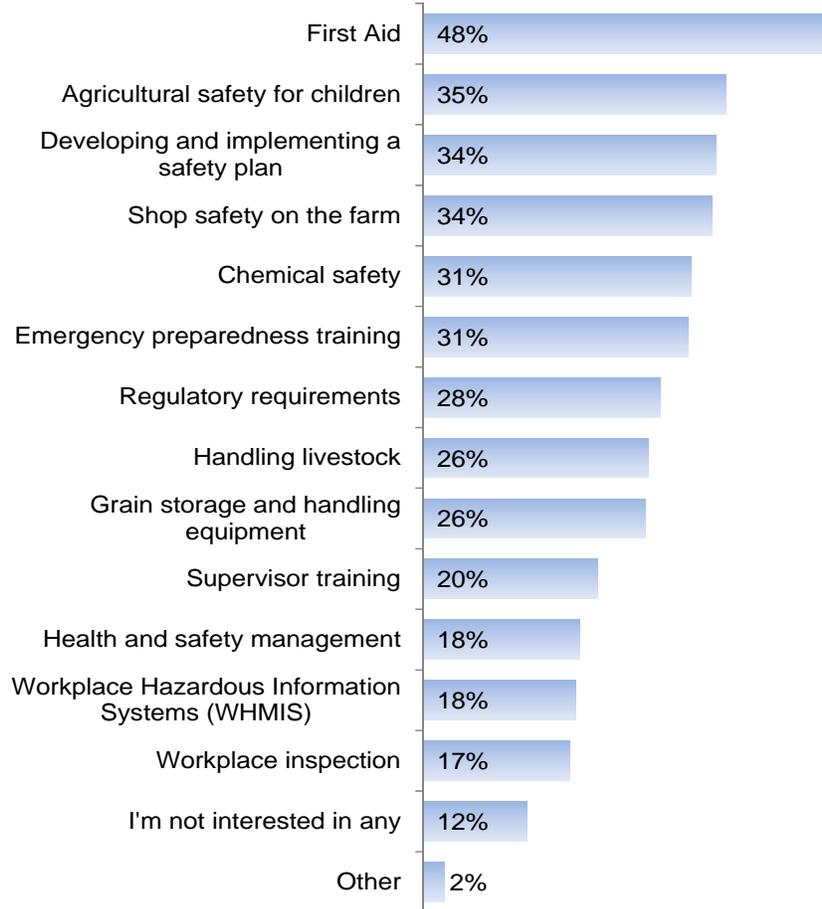
¹Red text symbolizes a significant difference from 2008 to 2011.

Where did you go for agricultural safety resources?



Did you try to access resources related to agricultural safety from any of the following organizations?
(n=226)

What training topics are you interested in?



A number of agricultural safety training topics are listed below. Which of the following safety training topics, if any, would you be interested in pursuing?
(n=948)

Background and Details

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) is increasing their partnership with CASA by donating in-house research expertise. CASA is interested in measuring awareness and attitudes relating to a variety of farm safety topics. CASA is particularly interested in significant differences between subgroups such as gender, size operation, sector and location (broken down by province). In collaboration with CASA, the FCC Research team developed a survey that addresses these topics. In 2008 FCC prepared a similar report; comparisons between this report and the previous one will be made where applicable.

Methodology

All data was subsequently weighted to reflect the actual sector distribution of farms in Canada as reported in the 2006 Census of Agriculture with some adjustments made for updated economic conditions.

When reference to subgroups such as gender, size operation, sector and location is made throughout the report, only those differences that are both statistically significant and relevant will be highlighted.

Sample Size: 948