

RENEWING *CHANGE*

ANNUAL REPORT 2014–2015



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Canadian Agricultural Safety Association
Association canadienne de sécurité agricole

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This last year, with our primary funding agreement in place, we quickly moved to renew change, focusing on activities that support our vision of a Canada where no one is hurt farming.

In October, at CASA's 20th annual conference in Ottawa, over 70 participants got a peek into how other groups are creating the conditions necessary for positive change. It was a rewarding conference, with the outcome of greater knowledge sharing and a renewed energy to continue our work in preventing farm injuries and fatalities.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, our signature awareness event, was better than ever this year. Significant sponsor support meant we were able to produce resources for farmers and community members, add a social media contest, and challenge all people across Canada to "Be the Difference".

New in 2014 was our partnership with the Rick Hansen Foundation and Farm Credit Canada to deliver Back to Ag, a program that provides financial assistance to traumatically injured farmers.

We continue to work with FCC to provide safety training grants to community groups through the FCC Ag Safety Fund. This past year, a training session in grain bin rescue helped save a life.

Going forward, we are continuing our work in developing farm safety training and resources. A new emphasis for the current year is to offer training courses online. We now have CASA consultants available that can deliver CASA training courses at the grassroots level. Our next focus will be updating

the Canada FarmSafe Plan to make it easier than ever for farmers to create a safety plan.

This year, our focus will also be on the FarmSafe Foundation, CASA's charitable arm. We are working on developing relationships that can help offset costs related to the safety training of youth and adults and raising funds to continue the good work of the Back to Ag Program.

Of course, none of this work happens without collaboration and cooperation. The volunteers who support the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® events are passionate and dedicated. I am thankful for their continued work. Also, please take a moment to visit our sponsor web page. These organizations continue to show their dedication to making Canadian farms safe. The CASA Board of Directors and CASA staff continue their work in making sure we don't lose sight of our mission. If you see a Board Member or staff person, please thank them.

Lastly, it's never too late to renew change and make a difference. As CASA strives for a Canada where no one is hurt farming, my personal challenge to you is to "Be the Difference"!



Marcel L. Hacault P.Ag. MBA
Executive Director, CASA



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Marcel Hacault, Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This 2014–2015 marked the second year of our Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada program renewal under *Growing Forward 2*. With funding secured, our focus shifted to providing impactful safety initiatives.

The evolution of our funding model has required us to diversify our sources of financing and strengthen and establish new partnerships. While we have been successful in diversifying our funding, we need to maintain this diversity and further expand our funding partners in order to maintain a stable organization.

During a recent Board workshop we evaluated and refined CASA's mission statement to include the agricultural community. We have defined the community to include farmers, their families, agricultural workers as well as stakeholders such as governments, organizations and agri-businesses. The Board decided that in order to work towards a Canada where no one is hurt farming, we must include the entire agricultural community. Culture change requires effort from everyone involved in Canadian agriculture—not just farmers.

CASA activities continue to engage a number of partnerships that support excellent farm safety initiatives like the Canada FarmSafe Plan, Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, Back to Ag, the FCC Ag Safety Fund and Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®. Through the FarmSafe Foundation we were able to raise almost \$160,000 in donations for various programs.

In 2014 we had several long-time board members step down. I would like to thank Denis Bilodeau, Billy Woods and Charan Gill for their volunteerism and commitment to the organization. We also welcomed three new board members. David Powers, Wendy Bennett and Martin Caron have all been excellent additions to the Board.

I'd like to thank CASA staff for their tireless work to meet the challenges of our new reality. Thank you to the membership for their dedication, support and loyalty. To our partners and sponsors, thank you for your generosity and support.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the members of the Board of Directors and to the Executive Director for their availability and the commitment they have shown all year long. Together we will succeed in creating a Canada where no one is hurt farming.



Dean Anderson, B.Sc., P.Ag.
Chair, CASA Board of Directors

“In order to work towards a Canada where no one is hurt farming, we must include the entire agricultural community. Culture change requires effort from everyone involved in Canadian agriculture—not just farmers.”

Dean Anderson, Chair



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The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, their families and agricultural workers. CASA works collaboratively with agricultural safety and health specialists and producers in all provinces and territories to promote health and safety on Canadian farms and ranches.

VISION

A Canada where no one is hurt farming.

MISSION

To make the agricultural sector a safe place to work and live by helping producers see and manage risk in their workplace.

THE CASA TEAM

Marcel L. Hacault, P.Ag., MBA
Executive Director

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Development Consultant

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Accounting

Erin Hill
Summer Intern



Robert Lowdon Photography 2015

(from left): Marcel Hacault, Robin Anderson, Judy McMaster, Liz Ellis Clark, Diane Wreford, Michelle French Lancaster, Christine Maynard Balcaen, Erin Hill and Glen Blahey.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014–2015

CASA is led by a seven-person Board of Directors elected from its membership representing various sectors of the agricultural community.



Dean Anderson (Chair)
Agriculture Program Manager
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Wendy Bennett
Executive Director
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Niels Koehncke (Secretary)
Acting Director
Canadian Centre for Health and Safety
in Agriculture

Denis Bilodeau (former)
Second Vice-President (retired)
L'Union des producteurs agricole

Promoting Farm Safety

290 new Twitter followers

308 new Facebook fans

553 stories about farm safety hit the airways, newsprint or web this year. That's an estimated reach of over 14.6 million!

4,315 downloads*

837 ENTRIES TO SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST FOR ANNUAL PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Keeping Kids Safe on the Farm

13,902 rural children and participants learned to be safe on the farm thanks to farm safety events.

3,050 volunteers

74 EVENTS IN 9 PROVINCES

MEASURING CASA'S SUCCESS 2014-2015

Supporting Injured Farmers

9 traumatically injured farmers received funding to support lifts, accessible wheelchairs, and other assistive technology so they can farm safely and productively.**

\$100,000+ distributed

2 ROUNDS OF FUNDING

Training People to Farm Safely

7,044 people were trained in everything from developing a farm safety plan, to grain bin rescue, to agricultural machinery safety through in-person courses, online training, and farm safety grants.

4 FARM SAFETY COURSES DEVELOPED

\$122,000+ in farm safety training grant monies distributed to groups across Canada

*Unique

**Between December 2014 and June 2015, committed or spent.

ENGAGING *COMMUNITIES*

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK CHALLENGES CANADIANS TO “BE THE DIFFERENCE”

EVERY YEAR, CASA AND THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE (CFA) PROMOTE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK (CASW) TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FARM SAFETY. CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK 2015, PRESENTED BY FARM CREDIT CANADA, ENCOURAGED COMMUNITIES TO “BE THE DIFFERENCE”.

CASW 2015 marked the final year of the three-year FarmSafe campaign. The first year, “Get with the Plan!”, educated communities about farm safety, the second year, “Let’s Talk About It!”, engaged communities in conversations about farm safety, and “Be the Difference” challenged communities to become farm safety champions.

“In 2015, we focused on the power of the positive. We know that we need to engage with all Canadians to make farms safer places to work and live,” says Marcel Hacault, Executive Director of CASA.

CASA and CFA partnered with the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture to hold the CASW 2015 launch event and training session. Unfortunately due to record-breaking snowfall, launch activities were cancelled. However, CASW messaging reached over 9.6 million people through 359 news stories.

CASW 2015 marked the third year of the agsafetyweek.ca website. A media kit with press releases, feature farmer articles, safety advice articles, Barnders comics and various graphics was made available for reprinting and sharing to both the media and interested farm safety champions. Also available on the campaign website were resources developed to support farmers and other farm safety champions. Twenty toolbox talks were developed to help farmers and their workers talk about specific farm hazards. A farm talk series was created in order to support agricultural retailers, community members, educators and medical professionals in becoming farm safety champions. The website also linked to an engaging social media contest.

CASW is made possible by our generous supporters. In 2015, CASW sponsors included long-time corporate sponsor Farm Credit Canada, Imperial Oil and their Esso Branded Retailers, Ag for Life, the Canadian Fertilizer Institute, Dupont Pioneer, Viterra and Brandt.

For more information about Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, visit agsafetyweek.ca.

Fast Fact 359: the number of news stories featuring Canadian Agricultural Safety Week campaign content in 2015.

“I think it’s fun just to even share and read the different ways people are being safe on the farm.”

Teri Matthews, #GrowSafety contest participant

PROFILE

FARMERS SHARE HOW THEY #GROWSAFETY

As a part of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week 2015, CASA, in partnership with Imperial and its Esso Branded Resellers, asked farmers, farm workers and farm families how they #GrowSafety on their farms.

As a part of the CASW theme “Be the Difference”, a social media contest was developed to celebrate farm safety champions. Participants were asked to tweet, post on Facebook or share a photo on Instagram with the #GrowSafety hashtag explaining what they were doing to make their farm a safe place to live, work and play.

Participants took the time to showcase what they’re doing to keep their farms safe. Entries included everything from working in pairs, to teaching farm children about the hazards found on the farm. Over the life of the campaign over 800 entries were received. A microsite, growsafety.ca, was created to collect all entries into a central hub.

Each day, two winners were randomly selected to

win prizes furnished by sponsors Imperial Oil and its Esso Branded Resellers, Princess Auto, Oxford Frozen Foods, Avenir IT, Syngenta, Sherpa Marketing, Anne of Green Gables Chocolates, Cows, and Agrium. At the end of the campaign, two grand prize winners were randomly selected to receive 1,000 litres of fuel.

Thanks to the #GrowSafety contest, CASA was able to reach more farmers and farm families online with farm safety messages. In the month of March, CASA’s Facebook page gained more than 100 new likes, and on Twitter, CASA gained over 90 new followers.

The #GrowSafety contest was well received, with farmers reaching out to thank CASA. “I think it’s fun just to even share and read the different ways people are being safe on the farm,” wrote Teri Matthews. “We’ve been on the farm for a year now so learning tips is super helpful! Thanks for everything.”

For more information about the #GrowSafety contest, visit growsafety.ca.

Simon Ellis tweets about what he does to be safe and #GrowSafety when he farms. Ellis was one of hundreds to enter the social media contest for Canadian Agricultural Safety Week 2015.



SUPPORTING INJURED *FARMERS*

INTRODUCING THE BACK TO AG PROGRAM

IN 2014, CASA PARTNERED WITH FARM CREDIT CANADA (FCC) AND THE RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION (RHF) TO CREATE THE BACK TO AG PROGRAM, A FUNDING PROJECT AIMED AT HELPING INJURED FARMERS RETURN TO THE WORK THEY LOVE—FARMING.

The Back to Ag Program provides funding to support the cost of adaptive technology to Canadian farmers that have experienced traumatic injuries. Rick Hansen is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rick Hansen Foundation. “Every year, there are Canadian farmers who experience a life-altering injury, such as paralysis or lost limbs. They often need specialized equipment or adaptive technology to return to the occupation they love,” he says.

Following a successful social media campaign that asked users to tweet or retweet the #BacktoAg hashtag or like and share Back to Ag Facebook posts, FCC committed \$100,000 to the funding program. “FCC supports projects and initiatives that make positive changes in the communities where our customers live and work across Canada,” says Brenda Stasuik, FCC’s Director of Strategy, Government Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility. “The Back to Ag Program will help injured farmers realize their full potential.”

Individuals and other organizations also donated to the Back to Ag Program through the RHF and the FarmSafe Foundation, CASA’s charitable wing, bringing the total amount of funding to over \$130,000.

After two application periods, nine farmers that have experienced life-altering injuries have received funding this year to support the cost of adaptive technology to help them farm more safely and efficiently.

Marcel Hacault is the Executive Director of CASA. “Recipient feedback has been extremely positive,” he says. “This funding fills a need that isn’t met through insurance or government programs. This unique program is truly getting farmers Back to Ag.”

For more information on the Back to Ag Program, visit casa-acsa.ca/Back_To_Ag_Program.

Fast Fact 9: the number of injured farmers that have received funding this year to support the cost of adaptive technology.

“Thanks to Back to Ag, I could get the stand-up wheelchair. It allows me to work in my workshop and handle tools and repair equipment properly.”

André Veilleux, Back to Ag recipient

PROFILE

FARMER HIGHLIGHTS BENEFITS OF THE BACK TO AG PROGRAM

The Back to Ag program was envisioned to help farmers get back to the work they love—farming. André Veilleux, a maple syrup producer from Quebec, is doing just that thanks to his new stand-up wheelchair.

On March 1, 2008, Veilleux’s life changed drastically when a maple tree he was felling crushed him, severing his spinal cord, fracturing six vertebrae and resulting in paraplegia. Veilleux would never walk again.

Veilleux’s positive attitude and hard work have helped him recover in many ways, but he still found some work difficult. “It took two years for my rehabilitation, he says. “And I began to move forward, but every time I wanted to do something, I still needed help.” Through some research, Veilleux discovered what exactly he needed—a wheelchair that would help him to stand.

Using his regular wheelchair, Veilleux was unable to easily perform the necessary maintenance of his equipment or even boil his maple sap—a key step in

the production of maple syrup. A stand-up wheelchair would give Veilleux the ability to be more independent and perform important farm work by himself.

“Thanks to Back to Ag, I could get the stand-up wheelchair,” Veilleux says. “It allows me to work in my workshop and handle tools and repair equipment properly. It will be useful during the sugaring season to monitor the syrup and make cleaning easier.”

The stand-up wheelchair has not only given Veilleux more independence, but also has the potential to improve his health. “Already my quality of life has improved, especially in my health,” he says. “I have fewer leg spasms.” Veilleux’s story highlights what the Back to Ag Program was intended to achieve: support traumatically injured farmers and agricultural workers through adaptive technology.

Since receiving a stand-up wheelchair, André Veilleux’s ability to work, quality of life and health have improved. Veilleux is a Back to Ag Program recipient.



PROTECTING OUR *CHILDREN*

CANADIAN PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURAL SAFETY DAYS® REACH 100,000 PARTICIPANTS

In 2014, CASA and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF) were proud to announce that over 100,000 Canadian children and participants have taken part in Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® since the program began in 2002.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® are held across the United States and Canada every year in rural communities. In 2014, 78 Safety Days were held in Canada.

The Progressive Agricultural Safety Day program is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America. Safety Day event topics are based on each community's individual needs. Each Safety Day features fun and interactive stations that teach children to recognize and think about topics like tractor safety, fire safety, sun safety and animal safety.

However, Safety Days would not be possible without the Safety Day coordinators who work tirelessly to bring Safety Days to their communities. "Coordinating a Safety Day is a rewarding and satisfying experience. Our trained volunteer coordinators form a committee to plan and organize their Safety Day; find volunteer instructors and group leaders; and select the most important safety lessons for their

community," says Susan Reynolds, Executive Director of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

The 100,000 participant milestone was passed in Burdett, Alberta in June 2014. Chantel Timmons is the Safety Day Coordinator who organized the Burdett Safety Day. She says that Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® showcase the volunteerism required for a successful event. "Safety Days showcase our small town at its best. We pay our volunteers with a lunch and nobody complains. I'm forever grateful this is where we live."

The involvement of supporting organizations is also a hallmark of a successful program. Countless organizations, community groups, small and large businesses have all committed to supporting and promoting Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® in Canada. "Organizations that support Safety Days with time and resources, both human and financial, are integral to the success of these events," says Marcel Hacault, CASA's Executive Director. "CASA is incredibly pleased that so many organizations recognize and support safety education for Canada's rural children."

For more information about Safety Days and how to become involved, visit casa-acsa.ca and click on Safety Days.

Fast Fact 78: the number of Safety Day events held across Canada in 2014.

Children learn about agricultural safety at a 2014 Safety Day in Grand Falls, New Brunswick.



EQUIPPING SAFETY

“SPEAK UP FOR SAFER EQUIPMENT” TOOL NOW AVAILABLE

CASA has developed and launched a new online tool that gives farmers an opportunity to express their concerns about possible hazards with farm equipment.

The “Speak Up For Safer Equipment” tool is intended to provide a way for farmers, manufacturers and standards’ organizations to talk about safety concerns they may have with agricultural equipment manufactured within the past five years.

“We decided to develop this online tool after routinely receiving calls from producers who were frustrated that their concerns weren’t being heard,” says Glen Blahey, Agricultural Health and Safety Specialist for CASA.

The online form handles safety concerns where farm equipment is being used for primary agricultural production. It is not intended to handle cases where legal proceedings are taking place, where there are labour relations concerns, or issues related to financial transactions.

Once a farmer fills out the online form, CASA reviews the safety concern and either forwards the issue directly to the appropriate manufacturer, or if the concern is a universal issue, forwards it to the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). As well as providing information to manufacturers and the CSA, the “Speak Up for Safer Equipment” tool gives CASA data on potential safety-related trends affecting farmers.

“The tool isn’t designed to hurt the reputation of any manufacturer or individual,” Blahey says. ““Speak Up for Safer Equipment” fosters better communication and education between farmers, manufacturers and standards’ organizations, and will ultimately reduce the potential for injuries.”

To access the “Speak Up for Safer Equipment” tool, visit casa-acsa.ca/speak-up-for-safer-equipment.

Fast Fact 4: the number of steps it takes to fill out and submit a “Speak Up For Safer Equipment” form.

Through the “Speak Up For Safer Equipment” tool on CASA’s website, producers can submit safety concerns regarding machinery that is up to five years old.



PROMOTING *TRAINING*

FCC AG SAFETY FUND SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES

THIS PAST YEAR, CASA AND FARM CREDIT CANADA (FCC) CONTINUED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FCC AG SAFETY FUND.

The fund has provided charitable and non-profit organizations the financial support to deliver community-based farm safety training projects since 2010.

Over \$100,000 in funding was distributed between 11 organizations in seven provinces. “FCC supports projects and initiatives that make positive changes in the communities where our customers live and work across Canada,” says Sophie Perreault, FCC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “By raising awareness through ongoing safety education and training, we are helping producers effectively manage those risks in their operations.”

In the 2015–2016 funding cycle, the focus shifted to offering funding to organizations delivering tractor and machinery safety training. “The shift in focus of the FCC Ag Safety Fund is to address the reality that the majority of farm fatalities are related to equipment,” says Marcel Hacault, Executive Director of CASA. “The FCC Ag Safety Fund in an excellent opportunity to provide more machinery-related training which we hope will lead to fewer farm injuries and fatalities.”

The recipients of the 2015–2016 FCC Ag Safety Fund include Quebec 4-H, L’union des producteurs agricoles (UPA), Farm Safety Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, University of Manitoba, Wild Blueberry Nova Scotia, The Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture, New Brunswick Young Farmers’ Forum, Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA), Manitoba 4-H Council, and Canadian Farmers with Disabilities Registry.

The 2015–2016 funding cycle marks the fifth year that funding has been available. To date, over \$500,000 has been distributed to community groups across Canada. For a full list and descriptions of projects funded in 2015–2016, visit casa-acsa.ca/fcc-ag-safety-fund.

Fast Fact 11: the number of organizations that received FCC Ag Safety Fund support in 2014.

“Proper training is key to ensuring the safety of those working in the agricultural industry.”

Carolyn Van Den Heuvel, Farm Safety Coordinator for Farm Safety Nova Scotia

PROFILE

NOVA SCOTIA GRAIN BIN RESCUE TRAINING HELPS SAVE A LIFE

In September 2014, Farm Safety Nova Scotia (FSNS), thanks to the FCC Ag Safety Fund, trained 73 first responders, agricultural workers and farm owners/operators in grain bin entry and rescue.

In February 2015, this training helped save a life. On February 23, 2015, a farm worker in Great Village, Nova Scotia, entered a grain bin and became entrapped in grain up to his neck. Emergency response teams were quickly on the scene and through the use of special grain-entrapment equipment and their training they were able to free the worker.

Carolyn Van Den Heuvel is the Farm Safety Coordinator for FSNS. “Three of the four emergency response teams on scene participated in the grain bin rescue training,” she says. “We were very fortunate to have been able to offer this specialized training only five months before the incident occurred. No one ever wants to have to use this type of training, but when you do need it, it is invaluable.”

She says after receiving a request from a local fire department for grain bin rescue training, FSNS realized that that there was no specific grain bin rescue training available. “We saw the need to provide an opportunity for emergency responders

from different areas to come together, train and learn about preventive measures and appreciate response techniques, in case of an emergency,” she says.

The grain bin rescue training sessions took place in Port Williams, Nova Scotia and Truro, Nova Scotia. During the training sessions, delivered by the Safety and Technical Rescue Association (SATRA), participants learned about grain entrapment prevention and rescue techniques. Topics covered in the training included pre-planning, required equipment, anchors and lifelines. The training had a significant practical component where students tied knots, practised with harnesses, and performed mock entrapment rescues.

The FCC Ag Safety Fund is intended to help charitable and non-profit groups deliver agricultural safety training to communities across Canada. “Proper training is key to ensuring the safety of those working in the agricultural industry,” says Van Den Heuvel. “Without funding sources like the FCC Ag Safety Fund, organizations like ours would not be able to provide these training opportunities to the farming community.”

First responders receive grain bin training in Nova Scotia. This training, made possible through the FCC Ag Safety Fund, helped save a life in 2015.



RECOGNIZING OUR SUPPORTERS

Thanks to an excellent complement of sponsors, donors, and partners this past year, CASA continues to bring the message of safety to farmers, their families, and the rural community.

The 2014–15 year marks the second of CASA's funding agreement with the Government of Canada through *Growing Forward 2*, a federal, provincial, territorial initiative. CASA was able to meet the Government of Canada's fund matching requirements, enabling CASA to access over \$500,000 in federal funding.

The FarmSafe Foundation, CASA's charitable wing, received almost \$160,000 in donations for agricultural safety programming, including support for children and the disabled.

Long-time funding partner Farm Credit Canada (FCC) continues to support the FCC Ag Safety Fund—which provides grants to communities undertaking farm safety training activities—and new granting initiative Back to Ag—a program that supports the cost of adaptive technology for traumatically injured farmers.

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week continues to attract

top sponsors to this key public awareness campaign. Over \$110,000 was raised for CASW activities this past year.

Safety Days remain strong thanks to CASA's partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and support from the corporate sector. Over 100,000 Canadian children and participants were reached with the message of farm safety in 2014–15.

CASA's conference and AGM attracts great sponsor support. Over \$40,000 was raised last year, enabling CASA to facilitate the networking of agricultural health and safety professionals, researchers, organizations, businesses and producers from across the country.

The Technical Committee on Agricultural Machinery continues to adopt, reaffirm or publish nationally recognized standards for equipment thanks in part to the financial support of key equipment manufacturing sponsors.

CASA's success this past year would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, donors and partners. Thank you!

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY NON-CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Directors of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association:

The accompanying summary non-consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary non-consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the summary non-consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association for the year ended March 31, 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those non-consolidated financial statements in our report dated July 16, 2015.

The summary non-consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary non-consolidated financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited non-consolidated financial statements on the basis described in the note to the summary non-consolidated financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary non-consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Audit Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary non-consolidated financial statements derived from the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association for the year ended March 31, 2015 are a fair summary of those non-consolidated financial statements on the basis described in the note to the summary non-consolidated financial statements.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba
July 16, 2015

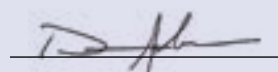
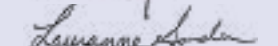
CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and bank	\$ 336,859	\$ 346,940
Grants and accounts receivable	355,141	310,263
Inventory	11,987	14,409
Prepaid expenses	4,154	3,986
	<u>708,141</u>	<u>675,598</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS	<u>28,524</u>	<u>29,645</u>
	\$ 736,665	\$ 705,243
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 52,588	\$ 51,921
Deferred revenue	112,975	112,294
	<u>165,563</u>	<u>164,215</u>
AG SAFETY FUND MANAGED FOR FARM CREDIT CANADA	<u>232,144</u>	<u>238,275</u>
	<u>397,707</u>	<u>402,490</u>
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	28,524	29,645
Unrestricted	310,434	273,108
	<u>338,958</u>	<u>302,753</u>
	\$ 736,665	\$ 705,243

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:

 Chairperson
 Treasurer

The accompanying note is an integral part of these summary non-consolidated financial statements.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31

	2015	2014
REVENUE		
Conference	\$ 10,948	\$ 13,390
Grants		
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	641,001	573,251
Farm Credit Canada		
Other	-	61,131
Project administration fee	33,226	28,415
Interest	3,342	3,915
Memberships	15,000	24,800
Merchandise sales	20,263	2,939
Partnerships and sponsorships	408,327	306,238
Training, license fees and other	21,220	10,107
	<u>1,153,327</u>	<u>1,024,186</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	26,658	24,857
Amortization	9,599	15,125
Assistive grants	37,406	-
Communication	84,719	93,898
Consulting services	111,869	85,891
Cost of sales	12,937	3,145
Occupancy	57,939	64,067
Office equipment and maintenance	19,318	12,109
Professional fees	102,573	63,096
Promotional materials	115,425	122,095
Salaries and employee benefits	420,524	340,190
Training	-	16,152
Travel and conference	118,155	96,898
	<u>1,117,122</u>	<u>937,523</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ 36,205</u>	<u>\$ 86,663</u>

Note to Summary Non-Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of summary non-consolidated financial statements. The summary presented includes only the summary non-consolidated statement of financial position and summary non-consolidated statement of operations. It does not include all the statements or notes to the non-consolidated financial statements. The summary non-consolidated statement of financial position and summary non-consolidated statement of operations are presented in the same detail as the audited non-consolidated financial statements except the note referencing has been removed.

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