

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association celebrates second annual BeGrainSafe Week

August 15, 2022 – Winnipeg, MB: The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is raising awareness about the importance of grain safety with the second annual BeGrainSafe Week, taking place August 15-21, 2022.

Launched in 2017 in response to increased grain entrapment fatalities, CASA's BeGrainSafe program works to heighten awareness and provide training regarding the hazards associated with grain. In support of this year's BeGrainSafe Week, CASA has developed resources, including social media posts, public service announcements, and safety advice articles, with tips and information on how to be safe around grain.

"It's important for farmers, farm workers, farm families, and farming communities to remember that grain entrapment can happen in the blink of an eye," says Andrea Lear, CASA's Chief Executive Officer. "BeGrainSafe Week is an opportunity to further spread the message about grain safety."

According to Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting data, there were 36 asphyxiation-related fatalities on farms across Canada between 2006-2015.

"We want to prevent more of these tragedies from occurring," says Lear. "That's why the BeGrainSafe program is committed to facilitating life-saving training and making more Canadians aware of the hazards that come with grain handling and storage."

The BeGrainSafe webpage includes resources for both the general public and media. All resources, stories and infographics are available to print and share to help raise awareness about grain safety. For more information, visit casa-acsa.ca/begrainsafe.

About the BeGrainSafe Program

The BeGrainSafe Program is an initiative of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association and is supported by sponsors and donors, including the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (a federal, provincial and territorial initiative), G3, FMC, Corteva AgriScience, CN, Canadian Canola Growers Association, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Bayer Crop Science, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Farm Credit Canada, SaskWheat, SaskCanola, Alberta Canola, Viterra, Alberta Wheat Commission, Manitoba Canola Growers, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Prairie Oat Growers Association, and GSI. For more information about BeGrainSafe, visit casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe.

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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 is funded in part through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a

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