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**AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND
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The National Land Grant Research and Extension Agenda for Agricultural Safety and Health has been published. The USDA NCR-197 Committee on Agricultural Safety and Health prepared this agenda. Extension Specialists and Leaders in Agricultural Safety and Health at your Land Grant Universities have been sent a copy. To obtain a copy for your review, contact Dr. Charles Schwab, Iowa State University, 206A Davidson Hall, Ames, IA 50011-3080. e-mail: cvschwab@iastate.edu or visit the NCR-197 Web site at <http://www.tmvc.iastate.edu/NCR197>

ERGONOMICS RESOURCES ONLINE

Injuries resulting from poor ergonomics (known as work-related musculoskeletal disorders) account for more than one-third of all on-the-job injuries, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cost to U.S. employers to cover these injuries exceeds \$65 billion in direct and indirect costs from workers' compensation fees, lost productivity, recruiting, absenteeism, litigation and human error. Agriculture has its share of such disorders. To assist us in our ergonomic program efforts, the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) has launched a new Web site, <http://www.ergoresources.org>. The website is full of potential resources.

NEW POULTRY INDUSTRY ERGONOMICS GUIDELINES

Speaking of ergonomics, if you are involved with the poultry industry, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is moving ahead with ergonomics guidelines for this agricultural industry. You might want to visit their web site for ergonomic information and to investigate their guidelines at <http://www.osha.gov/ergonomics/guidelines/poultryprocessing/index.html>

NIOSH'S "SIMPLE SOLUTIONS" NOW IN SPANISH

You may already be aware that the Simple Solutions document is now available in both Spanish and English. Both versions and the full story "New Spanish-Language NIOSH Booklet Shows Ways to Protect Farm Workers From Musculoskeletal Injuries" are available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/simplesol.html>

NEW FACILITY FOCUSES ON THE HAZARDS OF FARM CHEMICALS

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety has a new training facility to address the hazards of farm chemicals. The Agricultural Chemical, Anhydrous Ammonia and Propane Training Facility is part of a hands-on and classroom chemical safety training program primarily for commercial agri-chemical applicators. The center will also train insurance adjusters and underwriters, as well as emergency response personnel such as firefighters. For more information contact the center at 1-888-844-6322.

RESOURCE FOR AG CHILD EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS

For information on the current youth agricultural employment restrictions, visit the Department of Labor web page <http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/youthlabor/agriculturalemployment.htm>

UK REPORT ON CHILD ACCIDENTS AND ZONOSSES

An interesting report from the United Kingdom is available online. The report features the nature and incidence of accidents and zoonoses to children under sixteen years old on farms and in the countryside and contains a literature review. To view the full report, go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr110.htm>

SAFE PLAY DOCUMENTS ONLINE

"Creating Safe Play Areas on Farms" is a 32-page document for safety professionals, farm and rural community leaders, and farm owners who want to learn about the features of safe play areas for children who live on or visit farms, ranches and other agricultural settings.

The illustrated document was published in May 2003 by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS). It addresses child development, safe and unsafe play areas, fencing and borders, and play hazards unique to farms. It also describes play ideas/equipment that can be modified for a farm.

It is available in both hard copy and on the NCCRAHS Web site at http://research.marshfieldclinic.org/nfmc/default.asp?doc=safePlay_about.xml

For more information, call 1-800-662-6900.

AGRICULTURAL CHILD SAFETY MATERIALS NOW ONLINE

“Seeds of Safety” is printed as glossy, two-color handouts featuring all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, equestrian activities, drowning prevention, sledding safety, agricultural safety and rural suicide prevention. These handouts discuss basic elements of safety for each activity and encourage readers to access the online resources of the Children’s Safety Network Web site at <http://research.marshfieldclinic.org/children/Resources/default.htm> Seeds of Safety can now be downloaded from the same site.

ANSWERS BY PHONE

If you are interested in resources for farmworkers, or you have any question regarding the health of migrant farmworkers, you can call America’s Voice for Farmworker Health Information on Health Services for Farmworkers at 1-800-377-9968.

AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES

Our friends in Australia have provided us with a variety of farm and rural resources and available materials. The site is <http://www.nohsc.gov.au/OHSInformation/LibraryServices/farminde.htm>

NEW NIOSH FACT SHEET GUIDES RESPIRATOR PURCHASE

Intended to guide purchase of respirators for possible terrorist attacks, a new fact sheet from NIOSH is also applicable to workplace respirator needs. The fact sheet explains in general terms what respirators are and how they work, giving pros and cons of various types of respirators on the market. It also explains

how to select a respirator, including what questions to ask before making a purchase. The respirator fact sheet is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nppt/npptrespfact.html>

NIOSH’S “WORKING WITH STRESS” NOW ON DVD

“Working With Stress” is the first NIOSH training and educational program on the topic of workplace stress. The program, available on DVD and VHS, describes workplace factors that can create or exacerbate worker stress and suggest practical measures for reducing job-related stress through changes in work organization. “Working With Stress” is designed to serve as a resource for employers, managers, occupational health and safety professionals, workers and educators. “Working With Stress” DVD and VHS are companion pieces to the 1999 NIOSH document, Stress...At Work. You can visit the program's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/video/stressdvd102.html>

FISHING INDUSTRY SAFETY

If you have an interest in fishing as part of your agricultural safety and health programming, you might want to review the Proceedings of the International Fishing Industry Safety and Health Conference at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2003-102/2003102pd.html>

MORE ON WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus has been in the news lately and is a serious health risk. Since, much of Agricultural work is outdoors, NIOSH has suggestions on ways to avoid West Nile Virus Risk in Outdoor Work online at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/westnileupd.html>

GRAIN INDUSTRY IS SAFER

The grain industry is a safer place to work since the Grain Handling Facilities Standard went into effect in 1987, according to an OSHA regulatory review. There have been 70 percent fewer fatalities, 55 percent fewer injuries from grain explosions, and the number of grain suffocations has gone down 44 percent. A summary of the report was published in the March 14th 2003 *Federal Register*. The full report is available online: http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASE&p_id=10131

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Nordic Meeting on Agricultural Occupational Health and Safety will be hosted by The Norwegian Farmers' Association for Occupational Health and Safety in Kongsberg, Norway on August 25-27, 2003. Information is available at <http://www.lhms.no/default.asp?UID=285>

The International Colloquium on Safety and Health in Agriculture "Prevention in Agriculture - The Way Forward for all Self-Employed, Employers and Employees" will be held in Bled, Slovenia on September 2-4, 2003. For details and registration, go to <http://www.agrisafety.net> or <http://www.bled.si>

The National Safety Council's *National Safety Congress & Expo* will be held in McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois on September 5-12, 2003. (The expo is held September 8-10.) For further information & registration go to <http://www.congress.nsc.org>

Challenges in Agricultural Health & Safety will be held September 7-9, 2003 at the Crown Plaza Union Square in San Francisco, CA.

This conference is for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, other health care providers, veterinarians, university researchers, Extension and other educators, federal, state and local government agency staff, agribusiness representatives, rural residents, and all who are interested in agricultural health and safety. It is also great way to get continuing education credit. It is co-hosted by the Western Chair for Agricultural Health & Safety (at UC Davis) and the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety & Health Center.

For more information, please visit <http://agcenter.ucdavis.edu/Announce/AgChallenges2003.php>

Future of Rural Peoples: Rural Economy, Healthy People, Environment, Rural Communities (5th International Symposium) will be hosted by University of Saskatchewan's Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environmental Health at the Delta Bessborough Hotel in Saskatchewan, Canada on October 19-23, 2003. For more information visit <http://iareh.usask.ca/meetings.php>.

The 16th Annual East Coast Migrant Stream Forum will be held at the Marriot Westchester in Tarrytown, NY on October 23-26, 2003. For more information, contact the North Carolina Primary Health Care Association at 919-469-5701 or via email at triantafillous@ncphca.org, or try their Web site at http://www.ncphca.org/program_services/migrant_stream_forum.htm

The 3rd National Occupational Injury Research Symposium (NOIRS 2003) will be held October 28-30, 2003 at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirmsmain.html>

The 13th Annual Midwest Farmworker Stream Forum will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel (Galleria) in Houston, TX on November 6-8, 2003. All application forms, general information, and forum updates are available at http://www.ncfh.org/00_clt_mwfsf.shtml or by contacting Lisa Hughes (Hughes@ncfh.org) or Gabriela Zuniga (zuniga@ncfh.org) at 800-531-5120.

The American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting and Expo will be held in San Francisco, CA on November 15-19, 2003. For more information, go to <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>

FUTURE MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The 13th Annual Western Migrant Stream Forum will be held at the Renaissance Madison Hotel in Seattle, Washington on January 30 - February 1, 2004. Registration material will be available by November 2003. For updates and application forms visit <http://www.nwrpca.org/conferencesTraining/s/farmworkerForum.php>

Enhancing the Health and Well-Being of Plain Communities: A Conference for Professionals Working with Old Order Anabaptists will be held at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA on June 2-4, 2004. Deadline for papers is November 1, 2003. For more information, visit <http://www.amishsafety.info> or call 800-825-4264.

SAFETY OBSERVANCES CALENDAR

Visit <http://www.nsc.org/news/aware.htm> for contact information for each observance and a complete 2003 safety observance listing.

September 1-7, 2003
National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
The *As Safe As Possible* Campaign
Randi Leifer, R.N., Executive Director
516-482-1475
<http://www.AsSafeAsPossible.org/>

September 21-27, 2003
National Farm Safety & Health Week
National Safety Council
Sam Steel
630-775-2023
[mail to: steels@nsc.org](mailto:steels@nsc.org)
<http://www.nsc.org/farmsafe.htm>

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