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Dee Jepsen, State Safety Leader

National Farm Safety and Health Week is September 18-24, 2011. This annual promotional week commemorates the hard work, diligence, and sacrifices made by our nation's farmers and ranchers. This year's theme is "Safety Counts: Your Community Depends on it!" This is a positive message to share with all involved in the farm communities. Farmers, farm families, and farm workers need to know they are valued for the food, fuel and fiber they produce for the good of everyone. A death or injury can negatively affect a business and personal income; but on a larger scale, farm fatalities can drastically change the complexion of the community.

For more ideas to promote National Farm Safety and Health Week, see the National Education Center for Agriculture Safety at < <http://www.necasag.org/>>.

SAFETY STAT of the MONTH:

Deaths in and around grain bins have made monthly news in many mid-western states. In the last 10 years, Ohio fatality reports show 5 people died from auger entanglements, 4 died from a fall or being struck by an object at the grain bin, 3 died from suffocation, and 2 from unknown causes. A graph depicting these statistics can be found at the OSU Ag Safety Website: < <http://hostedweb.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/agsafety/ash/stats/grain.html> >

Did you read this far in the newsletter? If so click here: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BTUXFCQ5V/>

FARM VEHICLES and ROADWAY SAFETY WEBINAR – SEPT 13, 2011

Recently the Department of Transportation issued a ruling not make any new safety requirements for farm vehicles. Farmers continue to ask questions about what this ruling means, as well as other questions about using fall harvest equipment on public roads, i.e. pulling multiple gravity wagons, operating high-speed tractors and implements of husbandry. A webinar is scheduled for 1 pm on Sept 13, 2011 to address these questions.

For more information about the webinar and the password to access the online Question and Answer session – please send your email request to the OSU Ag Safety Office at < osuagsafety@gmail.com > or call 614-292-0677.

ANNOUNCING: A NEW GRANT for AGRITOURISM

An education and outreach project was recently funded by the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). This grant is a collaborative effort between the Agricultural Safety and Health Program and educators working in direct marketing and agritourism. The purpose of this collaboration is to provide emergency preparedness materials within the agritourism industry in Ohio. This project will increase the outreach capacity of our Extension

educators in Ohio, as well as share with others in the country, who do not normally address emergency preparedness in their Extension teaching with these producers. The educational products developed from this project include a comprehensive curriculum notebook with emergency planning and preparedness resources specific to various types of agritourism enterprises such as county fairs, events, festivals, and field days; farm visits and tours; u-pick operations; roadside produce stands; wineries; Christmas tree farms, agritainment venues; and farm markets. Additional resources include training videos, webinars, and PowerPoint presentations. The notebook will be available in hard copy, CD-ROM, and on the following social media websites - Ohio State University Extension, OSU Agricultural Safety and Health, the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN), and the Ohio Tourism Toolbox. All of the training videos, webinars, and PowerPoints will be packaged on CD-ROM and also uploaded to the same social media websites as the notebook. This project will increase the overall emergency preparedness capacity of agritourism enterprises, which in turn increases the preparedness of the rural communities in which they exist. Team members include: Dee Jepsen, Aletha Reshan, Julie Fox, Mike Hogan, Rob Leeds and Eric Barrett.

BCP REMINDER!

All OSUE County Directors: September is National Preparedness Month and a practical reminder that all OSUE County Offices must maintain a current and up-to-date business continuity plan (BCP). In addition, many County Offices have recently experienced personnel changes. While these changes alone dictate the updating of BCPs, they may have also affected who is assigned to the roles of BCP Plan Owner and Manager.

Therefore, please note that each County Director serves as the Plan Owner for their County Office's BCP. If you are new to your position you must contact the University LDRPS Support Team at ldrps_support@osu.edu so they can create your login information.

If you or your Plan Manager need technical assistance at any time with LDRPS, please utilize the LDRPS resources available at <http://oit.osu.edu/hrfin/ldrps10> or contact the University LDRPS Support Team at ldrps_support@osu.edu.

If you or your Plan Manager need to learn about BCP for County Extension Offices or just need to refresh on the program, all the necessary resources are available at <http://fabe.osu.edu/empe/>.

Please remember that each OSUE County Office must have an up-to-date business continuity plan to be in compliance with the University preparedness directive, which means that all plans must be updated every 180 days in LDRPS.

CHECK OUT AG SAFETY AT THE 2011 FARM SCIENCE REVIEW!

The Agricultural Safety program staff will be available to meet and talk with attendees of Farm Science Review, September 20 - 22.

Look for us at the following locations:

Hauling a Secure Load- OSU Central, on the Land Ave side

Confined Space Demonstrations

Combustible Dust Explosions - daily 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 - OSU Central, on Kottman Street side

Manure Storage Ventilation- daily 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00- OSU Central, on Kottman Street side

AgrAbility Program Events

Ohio AgrAbility Assistive Technology Show & Tell- OSU Central, on the Land Ave side

Purdue's Breaking New Ground Program- OSU Central, on the Land Ave side

Ohio AgrAbility and Universal Design for Garages and Farm Shops- McCormick Building, Friday Ave

Teen Ag Challenge- daily at 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. - Firebaugh Building, Friday Ave

THANKS to TIM BUTCHER for SERVICE TO CFAES

After 7 years of service to the College of FAES, Tim Butcher is vacating his position to join Columbus State as their OSHA program coordinator. We wish Tim well in his new pursuit and thank him for his dedication to employee safety.

OHIO AGRABILITY AT FARM SCIENCE REVIEW 2011

Kent McGuire – Ohio AgrAbility Program Coordinator

Visitors to this year's Farm Science Review can stop by the OSU Ag Safety and Health area on Land Avenue to learn more about how Ohio AgrAbility helps bridge the gap so farmers with disabilities can continue to succeed. The AgrAbility exhibit area will contain several assistive technologies and informational resources to help farmers with a disability maintain productivity. Each day, AgrAbility staff will provide assistive technology "show and tell" sessions on items such as tractor lifts, standing wheel chairs, and simple solutions for grasping issues and arthritis. Ohio AgrAbility has also partnered with the Universal Design exhibit in the McCormick Building on Friday Avenue. Universal Design is a user-friendly method of home accessibility / usability. Ohio AgrAbility has extended those concepts to include the rest of the farmstead. This partnership has allowed for expansion of the exhibit area to include a garage / farm shop design, showcasing ergonomic tools and equipment.

A new addition this year to AgrAbility based activities at Farm Science Review is the creation of the "AgrAbility" Bus. Farm Science Review staff and Ohio AgrAbility partnered with the Madison County Ride program to provide a handicapped-accessible bus to meet the needs of individuals with a disability attending Farm Science Review. The "AgrAbility" Bus will be available from noon to 4 p.m. daily to transport individuals between the exhibit area and field demonstrations. The bus will be available at the main shuttle location near the Review administration headquarters building.

For more information about the Ohio AgrAbility Program, please contact Kent McGuire, OSU Agricultural Safety & Health, at mcguire.225@osu.edu or 614-292-0588.

Emergency Management Tip of the Month – SEPTEMBER is NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Aletha I. Reshan, Emergency Management Planning and Education Program Coordinator

September is National Preparedness Month. Emergencies and disasters include natural disasters such as floods and winter storms; intentional threats such as terrorism, weapons of mass destruction such as chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive; unintentional threats such as fire and mechanical malfunctions; and any other type of situation that results in mass casualties. The recent events throughout the nation such as the stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair, the earthquake in the eastern part of the U.S., and Hurricane Irene remind us that emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere, and to anyone. It is important for us as individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities to be prepared.

Preparedness begins with having a plan.

- *Exchange emergency contact information for individuals important in your life such as family members, neighbors, friends, care providers, schools, and employers.
- *Have relocation destinations pre-determined in the event of an evacuation. This includes pre-arranging care for pets and livestock in the event they cannot accompany you at your relocation site.
- *Update your plan when phone numbers or locations change and ensure everyone receives the updated information.
- *Check your insurance policies to become aware of any gaps in coverage.

Have Emergency Kits.

- *A to-go kit is used in the event of an evacuation and should contain a 3-day supply of needed items for each family member.
- *A shelter-in-place kit should contain a 2-week supply of needed items for each family member.

- *Use some type of waterproof container to store your kits.
- *The following items should be included:
 - *Non-perishable foods
 - *Water
 - *Medicines and medical supplies
 - *Baby care items
 - *Pet supplies
 - *Copies of important documents such as medical/vaccination records for individuals and pets, passports, driver’s license, birth certificates, insurance policies, proof of address, and deed/lease to home.
 - *Cell phones with charger
 - *Sanitation and personal hygiene items
 - *Emergency contact information contained in your plan
 - *Flashlight, batteries
 - *National Weather Service Radio
 - *Blankets, waterproof covering, rain gear, extra set of clothes
 - *Extra set of car and house keys
 - *Map
 - *Photos of family members and pets

We cannot always stop an emergency or disaster from occurring – but we can get prepared!

To learn more please see the following resources:

*For individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities please see ReadyOhio – Ohio Emergency Management Agency, <http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/NPM/index.stm>, 614-799-3695

*For Extension Educators seeking clientele resources please see, <http://eden.lsu.edu/Resources/NPM/Pages/default.aspx>.

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