

NEWS RELEASE

2010 Agricultural Safety and Health Forum

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Beck Ag Center

West Lafayette, IN

Purdue University's Agricultural Safety and Health Program and the Indiana Rural Safety and Health Council will be hosting the 2010 Agricultural Safety and Health Forum at the Beck Ag Center located at 4540 US 52 West on September 16, 2010. The forum has been held for decades to maintain a focus on the problem of farm-related fatalities and injuries. With agriculture continuing to be one of the most hazardous occupations in the state, this effort continues to be important.

At this year's Forum the emphasis will be more on showing, not just telling the farm safety message. The day will begin with a summary of farm-related fatalities and injuries over the past year and how these incidents have directly impacted farm families. There will be concurrent sessions for youth and adults that will include a simulated grain bin rescue, safety demonstrations related to overhead power lines and anhydrous ammonia, and a demonstration on the use of assistive technology for farmers with disabilities. An on-site landing of the LifeLine helicopter and brief program is scheduled and there will be a competition for youth that will enhance their tractor and machinery safety skills.

Free lunch and refreshments are provided along with handout materials and door prizes. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required prior to September 13. Everyone is invited who cares about the well being of farmers including farmers, farm organization leaders, FFA and 4-H groups, emergency response personnel and public health workers. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and activities will be over by 3:00 p.m.

To pre-register or for more information, call 765-494-7912 or email your reservation to esemmel@purdue.edu.