



Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 13 – 19, 2010

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Canadian Agricultural Safety Week to launch at Peace Country Classic

Grande Prairie— Canadian Agricultural Safety Week will officially launch year two of Canada’s ag safety campaign “*Plan • Farm • Safety*” on March 11th, 11 a.m., at the Peace Country Classic Show, Evergreen Park, 8 km. south of Grande Prairie. For 2011, the focus will be on “Farm”, highlighting implementation of safety procedures to manage the risk and control the hazard.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) and Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) deliver CASW in partnership with Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. More information on the Week is available at www.planfarmsafety.ca.

“The Government of Canada is committed to helping farmers and their families stay safe, and is proud to support this important initiative,” said MP Chris Warkentin (Peace River), on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. “Sharing farm safety practices is key to reducing the number of injuries and Agricultural Safety Week is an important step in the right direction.”

The launch is being held in partnership with leading provincial farm safety advocates including Wild Rose Agricultural Producers and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. “Working together for the common goal of health and safety in agriculture is a key role in the development and support of farm safety in Alberta,” says Marcel Hacault, CASA Executive Director.

“Alberta’s agricultural industry has a long and proud history of providing the highest quality food and fibre to Canadians and people around the world. Our diverse production is vital to our economy, environment and quality of life,” said Humphrey Banack, President of Wild Rose Agricultural Producers, a member organization of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. “Farm safety is an important part of successful farming. It is what is best for the people, products and future of agriculture.”

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