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IOWA FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

The Iowa Farm Safety and Health Week promotion is held in conjunction with the National Farm Safety and Health Week, which is also September 18-24, 2016.

The national theme is "Farm Safety ...A Legacy to be Proud of" The event is coordinated by the National Safety Council and supported by other organizations and groups with interest in agricultural safety. This will be the seventy third observance of the National Farm Safety and Health week that was originally declared by President Roosevelt. This special recognition week began with President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the first proclamation for farm safety in 1944 because the high injury rate in agriculture impacted the war effort.

Many things have change over those years but agriculture still ranks as the most dangerous industry in the United States.

Today, safety professionals still use this promotional week to remind those working in our nation's most dangerous industry to be careful. Agriculture's death rate is why Iowans must use safe farming practices during harvest and throughout the year.

The Iowa Farm Safety Council encourages Iowans to make better safety and health decisions this harvest season and during the next year. Join the Iowa Farm Safety Council and the National Safety Council in promoting safety during the 73rd annual National Farm Safety and Health Week September 18-24, 2016.

During this time please encourage others to adopt safe practices and behaviors as we prepare to prevent injuries during this harvest season.

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