



“Step Up to the Plate for Farm Safety” Agricultural Safety Awareness Week – March 5—11, 2006

Announcement

Farm Bureaus across the nation are making safety a priority this spring through the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program (ASAP). As a part of ASAP, March 5—11, 2006 has been designated as Agricultural Safety Awareness Week by South Dakota Farm Bureau. Its purpose is to remind agricultural producers that, in the rush of completing their tasks on farms and ranches, they need to take time to act safely and to repair or replace safety devices that protect them, their family members, and employees from injuries and fatalities.

Nolan Ryan, Hall of Fame pitcher, rancher and Farm Bureau member joins the effort nationally by asking everyone in agricultural and rural communities to make safety a part of their spring training.

The 2006 theme, “Step Up to the Plate for Farm Safety”, celebrates the many positive steps the agricultural community is making in creating safer farms and ranches for farmers, their family members and employees. Like spring training in baseball though, preparation prior to the season and practice are essential in creating a more successful year.

In celebrating this annual event, Farm Bureau recognizes the rich tradition of our farming culture in producing the safest and most abundant food in the world and the involvement of all members of the farm family in age appropriate tasks.

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The Farm Bureau Safety and Health Network is made up of professionals affiliated with state Farm Bureaus who share an interest in identifying and decreasing safety and health risks associated with farming and rural life.