



# Success Stories

## PREVENTING NEEDLESTICK INJURIES

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### The Problem:

Needlestick injury research shows that **over 80% of farm workers and 73% of swine veterinarians working in animal agriculture have accidentally stuck themselves.** Needlestick injuries are usually minor, however depending on the product they can be serious.

### The Solution:

UMASH addressed the problem of needlestick injury by developing educational tools for farm managers, workers and veterinarians. These resources include **bilingual (English and Spanish) training videos for both dairy and swine operations and accompanying fact sheets.**

## THE IMPACT

- ⇒ **Featured in publications** including Hoard's Dairyman (*English and Spanish*); National Hog Farmer; Midwest Marketer; Bovine Veterinarian and others
- ⇒ **Requests to co-brand the educational resources** for greater use and distribution
- ⇒ **Videos have been used with mobile technology (iPads)** to train 600 dairy workers on site in SW United States
- ⇒ Included in the **OSHA Guidance Documents** for Dairy Local Emphasis Program in Wisconsin

### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

*"A well done resource for farm managers, agribusinesses, veterinary services and healthcare clinicians."*  
- Certified Occupational Health Nurse

*"[These] have been important resources to be sure our 'learners' know how to stay safe! Honestly, I haven't been able to find better resources than yours!"*  
- Large corporate dairy farm



The bilingual (*English and Spanish*) needlestick prevention videos have over **4,800 views** on our YouTube channel.



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