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## **'No One Can Take Your Place' is Theme of Agricultural Safety Awareness Program Week, March 4-10**

Across the country, county and state Farm Bureaus are making safety a priority through the Agricultural Safety Awareness Program (ASAP). The Agricultural Safety Awareness Program is a part of the Farm Bureau Health and Safety Network of professionals who share an interest in identifying and decreasing safety and health risks.

As part of ASAP, March 4-10 has been designated as [Agricultural Safety Awareness Program \(ASAP\) Week](#). The Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH) and the other U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers will join Farm Bureau in promoting the week with its theme "No One Can Take Your Place."

During this week and throughout the year, Farm Bureau the U.S. Ag Centers are encouraging farmers to make safety a priority on the farm. A different safety focus will be highlighted each day of the week:

Monday, March 5 - Hearing

Tuesday, March 6 - Respiratory

Wednesday, March 7 - Impaired Driving

Thursday, March 8 - Fire

Friday, March 9 - General Health

*"Working in agriculture does have inherent risks, but it is important to remember that all injuries and illnesses that result from working in agriculture are preventable. Making safety a priority can go a long way to keeping yourself, your employees, and your family safe and healthy,"* said Bruce Alexander, Director of the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH).

For ASAP week promotional materials and agricultural health and safety resources during ASAP week, [follow UMASH on social media](#) and visit the UMASH website at [umash.umn.edu/asap-2018](http://umash.umn.edu/asap-2018).

Visit the [U.S. Ag Centers' YouTube channel](#) for new content and fresh ideas about how to stay safe while working in agriculture, forestry and fishing. The 11 [U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers](#) are funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Join the movement to keep farms safe and share your own safety messages on social media using the hashtags #KeepFarmsSafe, #ASAP18 and #USAgCenters.