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NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK STARTS SEPT. 15, FARM SAFETY SIGNS AND VIDEO SERIES AVAILABLE AT NO COST

These Farm Safety Tools and Resources Are Available to Dairy Producers at No Cost

Harrisburg, Pa. – With National Farm Safety and Health Week starting on September 15, the Center for Dairy Excellence has a series of farm safety videos available to help dairy producers share simple safety reminders with farm employees all year long, but especially during the upcoming fall harvest season. The “Seconds for Your Safety” videos, which are approximately 60 seconds in length, are available in both English and Spanish. They can be watched and shared easily on a computer or cell phone.

The following videos are currently available in both English and Spanish:

- Staying Safe Around Animals
- Staying Safe Around Gasses
- Staying Safe Around Electrical Hazards
- Tractor and Truck Rollovers
- Fall Prevention Measures
- Youth on the Farm
- Safety Hazards and Precautions for Horizontal Silos

The Center also has free sets of farm safety signs available to help producers display important safety reminders throughout their facilities. Six different signs are available in the set, with a sign included in the mix that focuses on biosecurity. English and Spanish are both included on the signs.

“Farm safety is important all year long, but September is a good time to refocus and put some extra thought into keeping your employees safe, especially during fall harvest,” said Valerie Mason-Faith, Risk Education Program Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “These videos are quick and filled with helpful, everyday reminders to share with your team. The safety signs can help you make sure you have the proper safety precautions in place on your dairy operation.”

To request safety signs to be mailed to you while supplies last, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/farm-safety or call 717-346-0849.

“The “Seconds for Your Safety” videos are being watched by myself and others on our farm. I think what is most useful on our farm are the facts in the videos which make us aware of the dangers of our occupation. Farmers need to become safer in everything that we do. Hopefully these videos will help us,” said Diane Hartman of Scattered Acres Farm.

To watch the farm safety video series, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/farm-safety. The videos are available in English and Spanish. The Center also recently hosted a “Protecting Your Profits” webinar focused on farm safety. Dr. Florence Becot of Penn State University shared the top three farm safety risks and how to keep family members and employees safe. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/pyp to view a recording of the webinar.

If you know a dairy producer without Internet access who might benefit from watching these videos and webinar recordings, email Emily Barge at ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org or call 717-346-0849 to request access.

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Photo Caption: Katie Dotterer narrated all videos in the safety video series. Dotterer grew up on her family’s dairy farm and shares her passion for agriculture with others at www.agvokate.com.

The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the Center’s mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at centerfordairyexcellence.org.