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NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK STARTS SEPT. 19, 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 18, the Center for Dairy Excellence and the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania (PDMP) have 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:

- Fall Prevention Measures
- Youth on the Farm
- Safety Hazards and Precautions for Horizontal Silos

The Center and PDMP also have 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, including a blank one that producers can customize for their operations. English and Spanish are both included on the signs.

“Farm safety is important all year long, but September is a good time to put some extra thought and focus into keeping your dairy farm team safe, especially during fall harvest,” said Jayne Sebright, Executive Director at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “These videos are quick yet filled with helpful reminders you can share with your team, and 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.

“Most incidents on the farm, even the accident that I had, are entirely preventable. It’s just proper training, common sense, and making sure people have the right abilities to run the machines they’re operating,” said Brett Reinford of Reinford Farms who shared his farm safety story in one of the Center’s Cow-Side Conversations podcast episodes. “Start with the simple

things. They often don't cost a lot, and they can save you a lot of money. I'm well over \$200,000 on the incident I had on my farm, and it was entirely preventable."

To watch the farm safety videos published in the series, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/farm-safety. The videos are available in English and Spanish, and more videos are expected to be released in the coming months. If you know a dairy producer without Internet access who might benefit from watching the videos or sharing them with farm employees, 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.