

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

Students learn safety procedures through hands-on activities.



Progressive Agriculture Safety Days help increase student and community awareness of safety precautions through hands-on activities.

About

The mission of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day is to make life safer and healthier for all children through education and training. Sponsored by the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service, the safety days are held in towns across eastern New Mexico and reach more than 5,000 students and teachers. As many as 800 students attend each safety day.

The one-day events teach children safety lessons that can keep them and others safe while at home or on a farm or ranch. Many accidents can be prevented if safety precautions are followed. The safety days not only increase students' awareness of safety procedures, they enhance the safety awareness of the community as well.

During the workshop, different stations teach participants about specific topics, including how to make a 911 call for help, lawnmower safety, household chemical safety, electrical safety, farm safety, water safety, first aid and all-terrain vehicle safety. The stations provide age-appropriate, hands-on activities. Students are divided into small groups, which allows for greater participation. The topics presented at each safety day vary to fit the needs of the area.

Get Involved

Area groups or individuals who are involved with farming or farming-related activities are encouraged to help with the safety days. Volunteers can serve as instructors, group leaders, safety officers and photographers, along with helping to organize the event.

The foundation provides training and support for the local coordinators in carrying out a safety day, along with up-to-date manuals that provide all the information needed to conduct a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. Funding for the program comes from contributions, grants and sponsorships.

Contact

For more information about Progressive Agriculture Safety Days, call (575) 763-6505, or visit www.progressiveag.org.

