

**Episode Title:** Season 1 Wrap-Up

**Summary:** We are wrapping up our first season with our 23rd episode. We've spent the last year hearing stories from farmers and agricultural safety and health specialists in the Midwest about different farm hazards and how to prevent injuries and illnesses. We are taking a short break but will be back in September with new episodes. Today, we meet Matison Bentley, who will be hosting the podcast in September, to hear about her and what episodes she's working on for Season 2.

**Expert:** Matison Bentley

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**Episode Quote:**

*"We're wrapping up our first season of the FarmSafe podcast! We will be back in September with new episodes. Tune in now to hear from Matison, our new host, talk about the episodes coming up in Season 2!"*

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## Transcript

**00:04 K. Crawford**

Welcome to the FarmSafe Podcast brought to you by the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health. In the blink of an eye, an injury can change your life and your farm forever. During each episode, we share first-hand stories and real-life tips for making safer and healthier decisions while on the farm.

We have a special episode today! We are wrapping up our first season with our 25th episode. We've spent the last year hearing stories from farmers and agricultural safety and health specialists in the Midwest about different farm hazards and how to prevent injuries and illnesses. We've talked to folks in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota about roadway safety, grain bins, anhydrous ammonia, manure gas, and cold weather hazards. We've also talked about mental health, back pain, and the importance of sleep.

So now we are going to take a short break before returning with new episodes in September. We will also have a new host in September and I'm very excited to have Matison here today to introduce her. Matison, thanks for being here! I'm hoping you can tell us a little about yourself and what kinds of topics you're working on for the upcoming season.

**M. Bentley**

I'm super excited to be here and really excited to be joining the team. We've got some interesting episodes coming up for season 2 and I can't wait to get a start on them.

**K. Crawford**

I'm excited to hear about what you're working on but to start with, let's find out a little bit about you, so you grew up on a farm, right? And now you're at school studying Agricultural Health and Safety? Do you want to talk a little about that?

**M. Bentley**

Yeah, I'd love to talk about that. So, my passion for agriculture started at a pretty young age. I grew up on a horse farm in eastern Kentucky. My grandparents raised tobacco, and we always raised our own hay for our livestock, so I know what it takes to live and work on the farm. I got into safety a few years ago, when I started looking for colleges, and I really wanted to find a way to combine my two passions of agriculture and safety.

**K. Crawford**

What is studying ag health and safety is like?

**M. Bentley**

We have a lot of occupational related classes. So just really focusing in on different occupations within agriculture, and how those all come with their own different injuries and illnesses that are often seen within those occupations. Really trying to hone in on how farmers are experiencing and ag workers are experiencing these types of injuries.

**K. Crawford**

So, what are some of the episodes that you're working on for next season? I know you're starting to get things together and are kind of in the planning stages, but do you want to give our listeners some ideas about what topics that you're going to be exploring?

**M. Bentley**

Yeah, we've got some hot topics coming up like fire safety and heat stress. We also are looking into emergency action plans, women in agriculture, and of course we're always open to more topics from our listeners, and if you just write in and we'd be glad to cover those.

**K. Crawford**

Thanks for being here, Madison. I know I'm super excited to hear what you have in store for the next season. Just a reminder, we will be back in September with new episodes. In the meantime, we have included a link to a super short survey in the episode notes and in the episode resources section of our website. Please take a couple of minutes to give us some feedback. We want to hear from you. Tell us what topics you want to hear about on the air or if you want to share your own stories about keeping safe on the farm. Let us know if we should change anything for this upcoming season. Also make sure to rate this podcast wherever you listen in and leave a review!

**M. Bentley**

Be sure to listen in to the FarmSafe podcast to join in on the conversation about keeping safe on the farm.

**K. Crawford**

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