

Episode Title: Farm Progress Show 8/30-9/1

Summary: Today, we are talking with Marsha from the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health. She is organizing the health and safety tent at the Farm Progress Show. The show is from August 30th through September 1st in Boone, Iowa, and we learn about the available resources and demonstrations for preventing injury and illness on the farm.

Expert: Marsha Cheyney

Episode Quote:

Tune in now to hear from Matison, Anna, and Marsha talk about the upcoming Farm Progress Show 8/30-9/1 being held in Boone, IA.

Transcript

00:00 M. Bentley

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 firsthand stories and real-life tips for making safer and healthier decisions while on the farm.

We're first going to hear from Anna Proctor, who recently joined our podcast team.

00:18 A. Proctor

Hi, my name is Anna Proctor, and I am a PHD Student in agricultural safety and health here at the University of Iowa, I graduated this past spring with my masters in agricultural safety and health. My thesis research looked at occupational health hazards that animal workers and animal handlers may experience following administering veterinary drugs to livestock, and I plan on my dissertation research being in endocrine disrupting chemicals as well.

And today we are going to be talking with Marsha from the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health here at the University of Iowa. She is organizing the health and safety tent at the Farm Progress Show. The show is August 30th through September 1st, in Boone, Iowa, and we want to learn more about the health and safety tent.

M. Bentley

Alright, Marsha, it's great to have you here today. So, can you tell us about the health and safety tent that will be at the Farm Progress Show?

01:11 M. Cheyney

Sure. So, Farm Progress Show has a long history in the Midwest it's been around for nearly 70 years. The location alternates between Boone, Iowa in the even numbered years and Decatur, Illinois in the odd number years. The health and safety tent, we think, has been around for at least 40 years. The organization that puts on from progress Show, really sees the health and safety tent as an essential part of the experience for visitors to this show. And this is my first-year coordinating. I am trying to follow in the footsteps of Kathy Leinenkugel from the Iowa Department of Public Health, and she has coordinated this for the Boone location for the past 10 years, maybe more. and she was recently able to retire.

M. Bentley

Can you give some more detail about the health and safety tent? If I were to visit there, what would I see? Who would I talk with?

02:01 M. Cheyney

Sure. So, we will have representatives from some local healthcare organizations. Story County Public health is going to be there checking blood pressure. Unity point will be there doing Stop the Bleed training for anybody who comes by. National Agribility Project

is a part of our tent. This is an organization that supports older farmers or farmers who have been injured but want to keep farming by adding lifts to vehicles, and such to help them be able to keep doing their work. We'll have several U.S. Ag centers there of course the Great Plains Center will be there, but also CS-CASH from Nebraska, and UMASH from University of Minnesota, will be there as well. Iowa State extension is going to be at a couple of different booths in the health and safety tent. They'll have their pesticide safety education, and Iowa Concern Hotline displays out. And we have several other national and community level organizations that will be providing safety demonstrations and education.

M. Bentley

Can you tell us a little bit more about the demonstrations?

02:57 M. Cheyney

There will be demonstrations on ATV safety, on grain handling safety, and, like I mentioned the Stop the Bleed training. As we enter into the harvest time, it's going to be a lot of farm equipment out on the roads so people can step by and learn what the different lighting and markings on farm equipment means, and how that is meant to keep you safe on the roads. We're gonna have some interactive sessions on recognizing hazards on the farm. There'll be livestock safety, zoonotic disease prevention, pesticide safety, information on protecting young workers, hearing loss prevention. We have a couple groups talking about pesticide safety and the worker protection standard. And then several organizations will be providing information and education on farm stress and mental health and community resources available to help farmers and other agricultural workers.

So, there's a lot of great information that we're going to have at the tent. There will also be a place to just stop and take a break. It's a lot of walking at the farm progress show, and it could be pretty warm. We don't know for sure on the weather yet, but we'll have some cold water, we'll have some coffee, a few refreshments and place for people to sit down and chat or take a break before they go back out into the show.

M. Bentley

What about location, can you tell us where to find the tent?

04:08 M. Cheyney

Right, so the health and safety tent is in a new location this year we're along north avenue. So right as you come in the main gate of the show if you take a left, we're about halfway down North Avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets.

M. Bentley

If you're in Boone, Iowa August 30th through September 1st be sure to stop by the Farm Progress Show and check out the health and safety tent. There will be some great resources and information on farm safety available for free so stop by and say hi!

Check out the links provided in the episode resources section of our website which includes the link to the Farm Progress Show website. We want to hear from you. Share your stories about health and safety issues on the farm, about injuries that made you change the way you work, or about the ways you keep yourself and others safe. Also let us know if there's questions you have or topics that you want to hear about on the air. You can visit our website at gpcah.org or email us. Original music for the FarmSafe podcast was written and performed by Ben Schmidt. This work was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health.

Episode Resources

- [Farm Progress Show](#)
- [Story Co. IA Public Health Department](#)
- [UnityPoint Health](#)
- [National AgrAbility Project](#)
- [Central States Center for Agricultural Health \(CSCASH\)](#)
- [Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center \(UMASH\)](#)
- [Iowa State Extension and Outreach](#)

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