



INVEST IN YOUR FARM TEAM THIS WINTER

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AgSafe Alberta is excited to launch several new courses this fall to help farms and ranches on their journey towards a safer place to live, work and play.

First up is Level 4 of our Farmers Care program. This is the final level of the program and focuses on emergency planning for your farm. These modules have been developed to work for family farms and for employee awareness about safety. Each level receives a certificate upon completion, and there is a farm sign available for those who want to let everyone know they are making safety a priority.

When you are ready to level up from Farmers Care we have updated the FarmSafe Plan modules to advance your safety learning. There are nine modules covering everything from hazard assessment to inspections to emergency planning. These modules provide a great start to building your safety program.

Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) Training is the next course available this fall. We know that with many respiratory hazards on the farm there may not be immediate signs of injury, but the long-term impact can include illnesses like farmer's lung. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, we heard a lot about different types of masks and not all of these offer protection



AgSafe's Jody Wacowich shared information about farm safety programs at APG's Director-Advisor Meeting in March.

on the farm. This course takes the time to educate about the hazards on the farm that will require personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect the person doing the farm tasks. The course also explains what a farm needs to do to ensure that the equipment is right for the task and correctly fitted to protect the person wearing it.

Confined/Restricted Space Awareness is the last of our new courses this fall but certainly not the least. This course will help your farm team learn to define which spaces are restricted and which are confined, and what precautions need to be taken with each one.

Check out our website www.agsafeab.ca for details on prize giveaways for completing these courses this fall.

Winter is a great time to plan for safety as you plan for your next growing season. AgSafe Alberta also has a team of advisors who can come out and help you work on your safety program and the first 10 hours are free!

AgSafe Alberta is here to help you, so feel free to reach out with your questions about safety by calling 1-833-924-7233.