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Agriculture industry to feature best practices in safety and health at January conference

Proven, evidence-based strategies will be highlighted during “Practical Safety and Health Risk Management in Production Agriculture,” a Workshop hosted by the Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA), January 7, 2011, at Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta.

The Workshop will co-locate with AG CONNECT Expo 2011 (www.agconnect.com), giving attendees added value of convenient access to the world trade show that brings together the latest in equipment, technology and ideas from all areas of agriculture production.

The ASHCA Workshop will cover key and emerging topics that will likely impact agricultural businesses.

“One of the important roles that ASHCA plays is to discover and disseminate proven safety and health interventions,” said Dan Hair, ASHCA Vice-Chair and Senior Vice President, Workers Compensation Fund. “Feedback from our January 2010 groundbreaking conference in Dallas taught us that agricultural producers are willing to implement good ideas and programs that have been shown to be effective at reducing work related injuries and illnesses.”

The Workshop is being designed for and by the agricultural industry. Producers’ experiences will be featured in plenary and concurrent sessions, with speakers representing Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Agri-Services Agency, AgSafe, C-Bar Cattle Company, Grimmway Farms, Hitch Enterprises, National Pork Board, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Washington State Farm Bureau and Workers Compensation Fund, among others.

Topics will include: culturally relevant training, safety competitions, training with a mobile safety trailer, reducing insurance premiums, and outcomes of a statewide agricultural safety certification program. A networking lunch will allow attendees to choose from among tables with assigned topics and moderators.

The Workshop will be preceded Thursday, January 6 by ASHCA annual meetings and an evening welcome reception.

To register and for more information, go to www.ashca.com or contact ASHCA at 715-221-7270, ashca@mcrf.mfldclin.edu. Sponsorships are available.

Workshop registration will include free admission to AG CONNECT preview day, Friday, January 7, and reduced admission for the remaining days of AG CONNECT, through January 10.

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