

Canadian Agricultural Safety Association Raising Awareness About Grain Safety with Fifth Annual BeGrainSafe Week

July 30, 2025 – Winnipeg, MB: The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is again raising awareness about the importance of prioritizing safety when working around grain with the fifth annual BeGrainSafe Week, taking place August 11-17, 2025.

The public safety campaign is part of CASA's BeGrainSafe program, which launched in 2017 in response to increased grain entrapment fatalities. The BeGrainSafe program provides prevention education, rescue training for firefighters, and on-site workplace training to heighten awareness about grain hazards.

According to Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting data, there were 27 fatalities due to asphyxiation from grain or soil on Canadian farms between 2011 and 2020.

"Grain entrapment is a significant safety risk anywhere that grain is stored — and it can happen in the blink of an eye," says Sandra Miller, CASA's Executive Director. "But while grain entrapments often have devastating outcomes, they are preventable through proactive safety measures. That's why the BeGrainSafe program is committed to providing essential grain safety training and resources to Canadian farming communities in order to highlight the hazards associated with grain and, ultimately, save lives."

Longtime safety champion Corteva Agriscience, a proud supporter of the BeGrainSafe program for several years, is the presenting sponsor of this year's BeGrainSafe Week.

"Safety is a core value at Corteva and we're proud to partner with CASA to raise awareness about the importance of grain safety in our farm communities," said Lorelee Orr, Vice-President, Canada Commercial for Corteva. "By supporting local first responders and initiatives like BeGrainSafe, we can help protect those who work in agriculture and ensure they get home safe every day."

In support of BeGrainSafe Week, CASA has developed various resources, including infographics and safety advice articles, with information on how to be safe around grain. These resources are available for both the media and the general public to download and share to help spread the message about grain safety.

To access these resources and for more information, visit casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe-Week.

About the BeGrainSafe Program

The BeGrainSafe program is a grain safety initiative of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. In 2025, BeGrainSafe Week takes place August 11 to 17 and is presented by Corteva Agriscience. The program is also supported by G3, CN, Farm Credit Canada, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Alberta Grains, Canadian Canola Growers Association, Nutrien Ag Solutions, SaskOilseeds, Sask Wheat, Viterra, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Manitoba Canola Growers Association, and Prairie Oat Growers Association. For more information about BeGrainSafe, visit www.casa-acsa.ca/BeGrainSafe.

About the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, their families and agricultural workers. CASA is funded in part by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. For more information, visit www.casa-acsa.ca.

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