

ASHCA SafetyLines

Because safe moments save lives
July 2020

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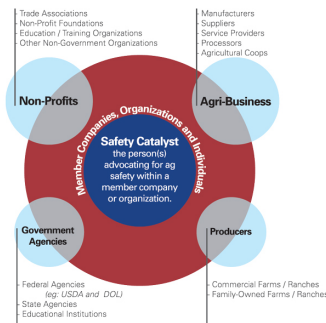
Why we support the Agricultural Safety & Health Council of America (ASHCA)

The National Pork Board is committed to doing what is right for people, pigs, and the planet. The Pork Board recognizes that prioritizing worker safety is crucial to ensuring the longevity of the industry. Joining ASHCA enables us to work collaboratively with other agricultural industry partners to share our experiences and best practices, while simultaneously learning from one another in order to protect and improve worker safety in our industry.

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COVID 19 -- Magnitude of Risk
by Joel H. Sherman

THE ASHCA FRAMEWORK



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now:

UMASH Online Expo
A 20/20 Look at Ag Health,
Safety & Wellness
Virtual Meeting
August 11 - 13

International Conference
Ragusa SHWA 2020
Ragusa, Italy
September 16 - 19

ASHCA Agricultural Safety
Summit
Las Vegas, NV
March 22 - 24, 2021

Last month, this column dealt with assessing the hazards of the workplace in regards to preventing the occurrence or spread of COVID-19. It is a daunting prospect at best because the presence of COVID-19 is not easily detected. One must operate from the premise that the virus is almost always present and establish control measures from that basic assumption. Starting from this premise, one can see that the best control measure is strict isolation, the “shelter in place” model employed by many states and counties at the beginning of the pandemic, the theory being that an individual confined to his or her own private space can neither contract or spread the virus.

However, strict isolation is not possible in most situations. People need to eat and to conduct basic forms of business and commerce to survive, and society requires interaction and participation. Someone must produce the food, process it, package it, ship it and sell it. Thus, contact can be minimized, but not truly eliminated, and isolation can offer only an intermittent form of control.

[Click here to read Joel's entire article!](#)



**ASHCA WEBINAR:
Automation and Mechanization in Tree
Fruit Production**
July 30th at 2:00 EST

The sustainability and profitability of specialty crop agriculture in the United States and around the world is threatened by labor-related risks. The top risk is having enough skilled people at the right time to complete on-farm tasks like planting, thinning, pruning and harvest correctly and on time. Completing these tasks while being 100% compliant to AG employment, health and safety regulations is becoming increasingly difficult. Cost of production is increasing for specialty crops and is mostly due to increased hourly wages and employment costs.

To mitigate labor-related risks specialty crop farmers are working with engineers to develop and deploy engineering solutions in the field. Automation and mechanization can increase financial returns to farmers through improved crop quality and / or reduced per unit costs.

This webinar will outline the Washington Tree Fruit experience in the development and adoption of automation and mechanization in the production of apples and cherries including past, present and horizon technologies.

*Presented by Karen Lewis, Tree Fruit Extension Specialist | Tree
Fruit Extension Team Lead
Washington State University*

[Register Here](#)



**Join us on August 12th at 2:00 EST
for the presentation of ASHCA
Achievement Awards & Lightning Talks
Part 2 of 3**

Since we were unable to hold our Safety Summit this past March in Las Vegas, we've decided to release the presentations on line. We will release them all in a series of three webinars. The following will be included at our August 12th event:

Achievement Awards:

Scott Dilley – Washington State Dairy Association – Ag Organization
Antonio Tovar – Farmworker Association of Florida – Ag Organization
Robert Aherin – Educator

Lightning Talks:

Amy Liebman – Migrant Clinicians Network, Salisbury, MD
A Roadmap for Delivering Child Care in Agricultural Communities

Daniel Smith - Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Knowledge of Heat-Related Illness First Aid in Migrant Farmworkers

Elena Austin – Pacific Northwest NIOSH Ag Center, Seattle, WA
Dairy Safety Kit: An Innovative Online Training and Outreach Solution

Maria Morera - U of Florida
Developing a Social Marketing Intervention for Heat Safety Among Tomato Harvesters

Michael Pate – Utah State University
Digital Migration: Technology Transforming Hazard Risk Assessment

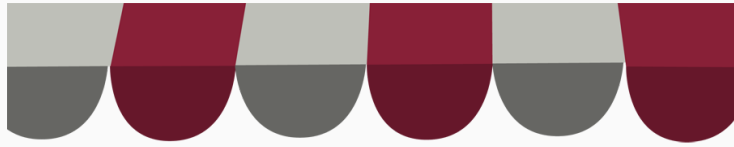
Kit Galvin, Pacific Northwest Ag Center, Seattle, WA
Pesticide Label Safety Info in Spanish and English: In Hand, Anytime& Anywhere

Click the button below to register for the webinar.

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Did you miss the presentation of ASHCA Achievement Awards & Lightning Talks -- Part 1? [Click here](#) to view

it from our ASHCA Webinar Channel.



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SAVE THE DATE!
UMASH Online Expo
A 20/20 LOOK AT AG HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the physical and social distancing guidelines, UMASH is hosting the UMASH Expo: A 20/20 Look at Ag Health, Safety, and Wellness featuring exhibitors, safety demonstrations and speakers on a number of health and safety topics.

Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Farmers and family members (who often share the work) are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries

The risks are real. So join us August 11 – 13, 2020 for this free online event.

[Click here](#) for a link to additional details.



**California Adopts First in the Nation
Workplace Safety Standards Protecting
Nighttime Agricultural Workers from
Hazards**

Sacramento—California has adopted new workplace safety standards to protect agricultural employees who work at night. These are the first lighting standards in the nation written specifically to protect agricultural workers who harvest, operate vehicles and do other jobs between

sunset and sunrise.

[Click here](#) to see the full release.



To thank our health care providers, emergency services personnel, and those who continue to provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, CS-CASH is offering free of charge:

2020 Agricultural Health and Safety Course

Online (on-demand) July 14 - August 14, 2020

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