

NYCAM Enters Its Fourth Year of On-Farm Safety Surveys and Training

For the fourth year in a row, NYCAMH has been awarded funding to provide farm safety surveys and on-farm safety training sessions to agricultural operations anywhere in New York State. This service is made possible by a grant from the New York State Department of labor hazard Abatement Board.

During the first two years of funding, there were 125 on-farm surveys conducted, and 196 on-farm training sessions held with 1,766 people trained during these sessions. This grant also allows us to deliver safety education at off-farm events. These events included commodity group meetings, trade shows, cooperative extension meetings, college and high school agriculture classes and 4-H groups. An additional 3,164 people received educational training through these outlets.

A follow-up telephone survey was conducted with 97 farms. Of these, 77 (79%) reported having made some safety improvements as a result of the on-farm safety survey. Ninety-six (99%) said that NYCAMH should continue to offer the on-farm safety program. Farm safety surveys and training sessions are free of charge and are available right now!

To schedule a farm safety survey or on-farm safety training session, contact Jim Carrabba, Agricultural Safety Specialist at (800) 343-7527 extension 239.

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