Farming Fatalities

- There are 60,000 farm workers in Alabama and an average of 12 farm fatalities annually.
- Seventy five percent of all farm fatalities are the result of tractor and or tractor implement incidents.
- One half of these, or an average of 4 fatalities annually, are the result of tractor overturn.
- These fatalities are preventable by using roll-over protection structures (ROPS) and the seat belt.

How Can I Reduce Fatalities and Injuries?

- Use roll-over protection structures on tractor equipment.
- Use the seat belt on your tractor equipment.
- Be aware of moving machinery and equipment in your area.
- Teach safe use of ATVs to youth.
- Match youth with appropriate farm chores.
- Design a safe play area for youth living on farms.
- Provide training modules for field and nursery workers.
- Teach electrical safety.
- Avoid heat stress by drinking plenty of water.
- Wear face masks in dusty environments.
- Wear proper eye protection.
- Wear hearing protection.
- Practice proper lifting and carrying.
- Prevent debris that might cause slips, trips, and falls.
- Educate workers about how to deal with West Nile virus.
- Increase awareness of Injury Prevalence Data.