Alabama Farm Safety Education Program

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The role of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is one of education and training. Our Farm Safety Education Program priorities include:

- Increasing tractor safety and awareness to reduce fatalities
- Providing farm safety education for youth including safety day camps and training materials provided for farm families
- Educating workers and farm families on ways to reduce farm injuries

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 pre-ventable 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.

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