



SITUATION

According to the National Children's Center for Rural Agricultural Health and Safety, In 2017 there were approximately 2.05 million farms in the United States. About 893,000 youth lived on farms in 2014 and more than half (51%) worked on their farm. More than 265,500 non-resident youth were hired in agriculture in 2014. Approximately 23,883,000 youth visited farms in 2014. About every three days, a child dies in an agriculture-related incident. Of the leading sources of fatalities among all youth, 25% involved machinery, 17% involved motor vehicles (includes ATVs), and 16% were drownings. From 2001 to 2015, 48% of all fatal injuries to young workers occurred in agriculture. Since 2009, the number of youth worker fatalities in ag. have been higher than in all other industries. In 2015, young workers were 44.8 times more likely to be fatally injured in agriculture when compared to all other industries. Transportation incidents were the most common fatal event, with tractors and ATV's as the primary vehicle source.

NMSU EXTENSION RESPONSE

The Union County Extension Service partnered with Progressive Agriculture and eight other agencies to provide a hands-on learning opportunity for 175 3rd grade youth from the following surrounding areas: Clayton, Texline, Boise City, Felt, Des Moines, Roy, Mosquero, Springer, and Stateline Christian School. Farm Safety Day provided the following stations: 9-1-1-Plateau Communications; Water Safety – Ute Lake State Park, Fire Safety – Clayton Fire Department, Germ Detective- Union County Extension Service, ATV Safety- Colfax County Extension Service, Electrical Safety- Southwestern Electric Coop, Wildlife Safety- NM Game and Fish Game Warden, Chemical Look-a-likes – FSA and NRCS, Gun Safety-Union County Sheriff's Department. Farm Safety day teaches youth lessons on how to keep themselves and others safe and healthy with fun, educational, and hands on activities that could save their lives.

IMPACT

Teachers reported that 100% of students increased their knowledge regarding safety.

100% learned at least three new thing about safety that they didn't already know.

90% of the youth learned at least two skills/concepts

85% of the youth said they would wear a helmet when riding an ATV

Quotes from Students and Teachers

“Things that look like food are not food sometimes, I will ask a parent if I do not know what it is before I eat it.”-3rd grade female

“I learned how identify dangerous wildlife and what to do if I see one”-3rd grade male

“Install the smoke alarm that has been sitting on my kitchen cabinet for years”-3rd Grade Teacher

“The program was a 10 , I was amazed at what was presented and how the kids were “All In”.-3rd Grade Teacher

