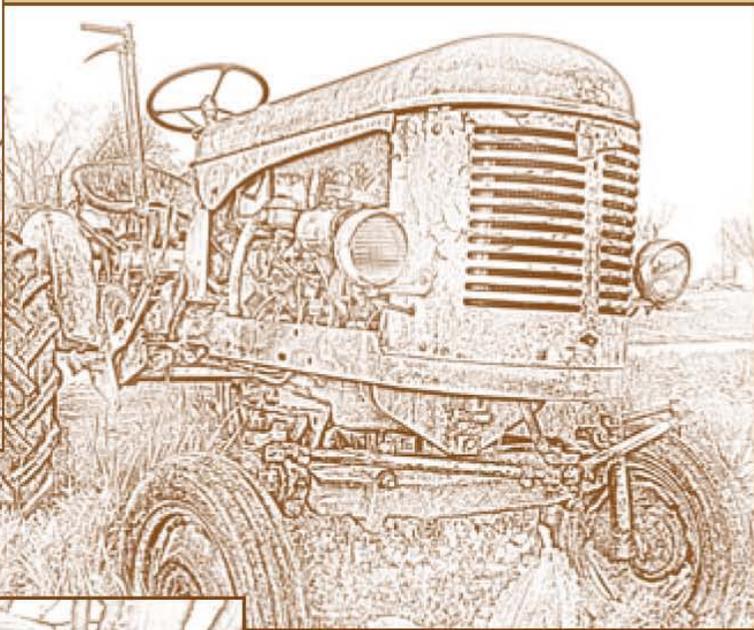


# FARM RESCUE AND EMS: A STATE BY STATE DIRECTORY



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# Foreword

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Perhaps nothing evokes a stronger connection with “rural” than a farm setting with freshly turned earth, abundant crops and grazing livestock. At one point in our Nation’s history many families had first hand experience working, living and thriving in such settings.

The agrarian countryside has changed from small family farms and ranches to corporate interests, often involving thousands of acres in production. With these changes have come more powerful and rugged machines to assist in the chores of cultivating, planting, and harvesting. These machines pose enormous dangers to their operators. Large livestock production facilities also create hazards in terms of the animals themselves, along with feed storage and handling, and waste management operations.

EMS and other rescue personnel are called to farms and ranches relatively infrequently. However, when they are called it often includes complex situations involving heavy equipment or other challenges unique to the agricultural environment.

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The first adage of EMS has been, and must continue to be, ensure that the scene is safe. Specialized farm rescue and response training is the only way to become familiar with the general principles of securing and caring for patients in this dangerous environment. We hope that this directory of contacts will encourage and assist those EMS agencies whose response areas include agricultural settings to attain and maintain the skills necessary to operate safely and efficiently in this environment.

Not only does HRSA’s Office of Rural Health Policy and the Rural EMS and Trauma Technical Assistance Center recognize and appreciate the contribution of America’s farmers, ranchers, and producers but we also specifically recognize those of you who are the first to provide care to individuals who are injured or become ill in these environments. We welcome your comments and feedback on this inaugural edition of this resource directory. Your assistance will be essential to keeping it current and useful.

Nels D. Sanddal, Director  
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Assistance Center



## **BACKGROUND**

Agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in America. Each year farmers, farm families, farm employees, and emergency responders die unnecessarily because of unknown dangers that increase the risk to the victim and the rescuer. Robertson, Murphy, and Davis (2006) report more than 7,000 farm work fatalities from 1992-2000. They further note the significant social and emotional impact that death and disability from farm related injuries have on survivors and the broader community. Hiott, Quandt, Early, Jackson, and Arcury (2006) note the lack of training for medical personnel in agricultural pesticide poisoning, a significant risk to farm workers' health.

The Rural and Frontier Emergency Medical Services Agenda for the Future (2004) recommends training in specialty situations, such as agricultural production sites, because emergency responders lack knowledge and understanding of the nature of the agricultural production work sites. Farm machinery, chemicals, animal behavior, and farm structures hamper safe and effective farm rescue. Farm rescue training allows rescuers and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to respond effectively to tractor rollovers, power take-off (PTO) entanglements, pesticide exposures, and silo fires. First responders, EMTs, and other rescue workers have been injured or killed because they lack knowledge of farm equipment, its dangers, and how to respond.

The overall risk to rescue workers and EMTs in agricultural environments has never been documented. Occasionally, tragic headlines will capture the double tragedy of the death of an agriculture worker following the death of the rescuer. In addition, the isolated nature of farm work, safety standards and enforcement, injury severity, remote location of worksite, participation of children, stress and fatigue, and exposure to the elements add to the complexity of the rescue. Training and education in the methods of farm and rural rescue and medical treatment are essential for proper response and safety.

This farm rescue compendium is a first attempt to gather, in a single location, the contact information and resources for States and communities to prepare first responders, EMTs, and other rescue workers in agricultural settings. This approach should include training that accounts for the diversity of each State's agricultural production. Additional listings, comments, suggestions, and updates are welcomed and may be sent to the Rural Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Technical Assistance Center at [info@remsttac.org](mailto:info@remsttac.org) or at 866-587-6370. Additional information regarding HRSA's rural EMS products, support and programs can also be accessed at REMSTTAC. The electronic version of the directory is available at <http://www.remsttac.org>. This is an ongoing project in cooperation with the National Farm Medicine Center (NFMC) at 800-662-6900. Updated versions will be uploaded periodically to include additional information on other high risk agricultural related areas such as all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use and logging safety.

## **METHODOLOGY**

A literature and Internet search were conducted to identify farm rescue efforts in the States and territories. In addition, a listserv request was sent to all State and territorial Extension agricultural safety specialists to ascertain the level of State-based farm rescue training activity in the individual State.

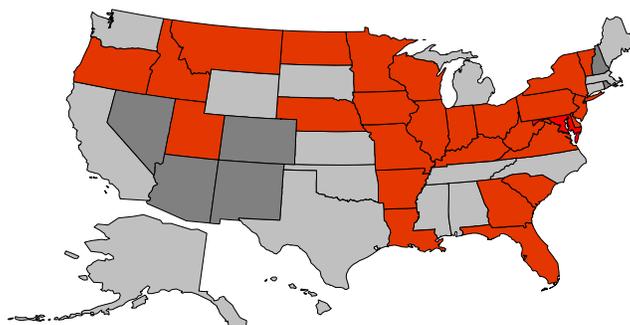
Additional contact was made through email and follow-up telephone contact with the training coordination from each State's EMS office. Outreach by email and phone was conducted by REMSTTAC and NFMC staff to identify at least one State contact.

## RESULTS

The map below illustrates the information for farm rescue training programs and response. Of the 50 states and 8 US territories contacted, 27 states reported having active farm rescue or response programs with contact information. Seventeen states provided a cooperative extension safety specialist for information but currently have no farm rescue or response programs. Seven states have no cooperative extension safety specialist contact or information on farm rescue and response programs. Of the U.S. territories contacted only American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands responded and provided contacts and information about the farm rescue programs offered.

All States have a State EMS Training Coordinator listed and complete contact information is provided. Official duties for these EMS training coordinators vary by State. In States without an ongoing program and/or without a Cooperative Extension Safety Specialist noted, the reader is encouraged to contact the State's EMS training coordinator for additional information about farm rescue training programs.

### Status of U.S. Farm Rescue Training Programs



- Active farm rescue training programs
- No identifiable farm rescue training programs
- Not available

## GUIDE TO USING THE DIRECTORY

Currently, several States do not have an active farm rescue and response training program but a contact has been listed because of their interest or, because programs have been offered in the past and this person is the most knowledgeable about their efforts. Several States may list more than one contact; the primary farm rescue/response contact is listed first. The State EMS Training Coordinator is also listed for each State.

Farmedic trainers are available in the contiguous 48 States and may travel to areas requesting training. Contact the Farmedic program at 800-437-6010 or visit the Web site at [www.farmedic.com](http://www.farmedic.com) for more information on how to become a certified trainer or for additional listings of trainers in your area. (Farmedic is featured on page 31 of the compendium).

This directory represents our initial effort to compile State farm rescue and response training activities. Activities were compiled on a statewide basis and may not reflect county and community efforts. Certainly there are numerous county and community led activities to train rescue personnel in farm rescue and response that are deserving of recognition.

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### ALABAMA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### ALASKA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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Delta Junction, AK 99737  
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### AMERICAN SAMOA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

Amio Mavaega-Luvu  
American Samoa Community College  
Community & Natural Resources  
Division  
PO Box 5319  
Pago Pago, AS 96799-2609  
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Fax: 684-699-5011/ 4595  
[a.luvu@ascc.as](mailto:a.luvu@ascc.as)

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### ARIZONA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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Arizona Department of Health Services  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services  
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Phoenix, AZ 85007-3150  
Ph: 602-364-3152  
Fax: 602-364-3568  
[www.hs.state.az.us/bems/index.htm](http://www.hs.state.az.us/bems/index.htm)  
[johnstonm@azdhs.gov](mailto:johnstonm@azdhs.gov)

### ARKANSAS

**Current Status:**

The University of Arkansas and the Arkansas Farm Bureau Safety Directors offer a 2-day training session consisting of simulated rescue experiences for each participant using air bag lifting devices, tractor entanglement, thermal imaging tools, and global positioning system (GPS) location.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

Gary Huitink  
Extension Engineer  
University of Arkansas  
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Division of Agricultural  
PO Box 391  
Little Rock, AR 72203  
Ph: 501-671-2242  
Fax: 501-671-2303  
[ghuitink@uaex.edu](mailto:ghuitink@uaex.edu)  
[www.aragriculture.org/](http://www.aragriculture.org/)

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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Director  
Office of EMS & Trauma Systems  
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Little Rock, AR 72205-3867  
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[dtaylor@healthyarkansas.com](mailto:dtaylor@healthyarkansas.com)

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### CALIFORNIA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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School of Public Health  
Berkeley, CA 94720  
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[www.farmsafety.ucdavis.edu](http://www.farmsafety.ucdavis.edu)  
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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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California EMS Authority  
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[www.emsa.ca.gov](http://www.emsa.ca.gov)  
[nsteiner@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:nsteiner@emsa.ca.gov)

### COLORADO

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training program available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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& Environment  
HFEMSFD-PCP-A2  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246-1530  
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[dave.miller@state.co.us](mailto:dave.miller@state.co.us)

### CONNECTICUT

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### DELAWARE

**Current Status:**

The University of Delaware Extension offers courses in county and local farm rescue training.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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16684 County Seat Highway  
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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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Acting State EMS Director  
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[steven.blessing@state.de.us](mailto:steven.blessing@state.de.us)

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Current Status:**

Due to the metropolitan nature of DC, no farm rescue training programs exist.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

Robert E. Powell  
State EMS Training Coordinator  
Emergency Health & Medical Services  
Administration  
64 New York Avenue NE  
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[rpowell@dchealth.com](mailto:rpowell@dchealth.com)

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### FLORIDA

#### Current Status:

Florida offers a Farmedic program through the State Fire College. Farmedic: Technical Rescue for Agricultural Emergencies (FSFC 110). The Farmedic course teaches the appropriate responses in chemical, mechanical, and structural accidents as well as the logistical, rescue, and EMS problems that can occur in the agribusiness and related environments. <http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/testsite/bfst/fsfc/course/rescue.htm>

NOTE: The Farmedic program is also approved for 12 continuing education hours for Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic certificates.

#### Agricultural Safety Contact:

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11655 NW Gainesville Road  
Ocala, FL 34482-1486  
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#### State EMS Training Coordinator

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Ph: 850-245-4440 ext. 2725  
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[john\\_gosford@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:john_gosford@doh.state.fl.us)

### GEORGIA

#### Current Status:

The University of Georgia Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department sponsors two trainings per year in conjunction with Farmedic in Tifton, GA.

#### Agricultural Safety Contact:

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UGA Tifton Campus  
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#### State EMS Training Coordinator

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### HAWAII

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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Protection Sciences  
College of Tropical Agriculture  
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Honolulu, HI 96822  
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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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Fax: 808-734-9126  
<http://library.kcc.hawaii.edu/external/kccemsce/>  
[kalinows@hawaii.edu](mailto:kalinows@hawaii.edu)

### IDAHO

**Current Status:**

Farmedic trainers hold local training programs upon request.

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Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
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PO Box 440904  
Moscow, ID 83844-0904  
Ph: 208-885-7627  
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[newtont@idhw.state.id.us](mailto:newtont@idhw.state.id.us)

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### ILLINOIS

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue training activities include: basic farm rescue orientation, a Farmedic training program, and a 2-day training program on grain bin rescue offered by the University Fire Training Institute and regional hospitals.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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Agricultural Rescue Training Officer  
Illinois Fire Service Institute  
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Fax: 1-800-437-5819  
<http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu>  
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Program Leader  
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[mreis@doph.state.il.us](mailto:mreis@doph.state.il.us)

### INDIANA

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue training and train the trainer programs focus on rural methamphetamine labs, grain bins, and manure pits.

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Breaking New Ground Resource Center  
Ag & Biological Engineering Dept.  
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West Lafayette, IN 47907-2093  
Ph: 765-494-1191  
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[www.agriculture.purdue.edu](http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu)  
[field@purdue.edu](mailto:field@purdue.edu)

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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IGC-S Room E208  
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### IOWA

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue training is provided by several State and local groups.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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National Education Center for  
Agricultural Safety  
10250 Sundown Road  
Peosta, IA 52068  
Ph: 563-557-0353, ext 248 or  
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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### KANSAS

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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### KENTUCKY

**Current Status:**

The Kentucky Fire Service Training Unit offers farm rescue training programs throughout the State.

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### LOUISIANA

**Current Status:**

The Southeast Louisiana AHEC offers two Farmedic trainings in January and October or upon request.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### MAINE

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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### MARYLAND

**Current Status:**

Occasionally, a program may be offered.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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### MASSACHUSETTS

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training program available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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### MICHIGAN

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### MINNESOTA

**Current Status:**

Two to four farm emergency training programs are conducted annually for first responders and EMS providers in conjunction with the "Caring for Farm Families" workshops for health professionals.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### MISSISSIPPI

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### MISSOURI

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue programs are available through the University of Missouri Extension.

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### MONTANA

**Current Status:**

Ten Farmedic trainers in Montana conduct three to four trainings annually for emergency providers on farm rescue upon request.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### NEBRASKA

**Current Status:**

Nebraska offers continuing education in managing farm injuries, flowing grain suffocation, farm equipment extrication, and agriculture chemical poisoning for career and volunteer fire service personnel, emergency medical services and emergency department staff.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### NEVADA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training program available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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**State EMS Coordinator**

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training program available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### NEW JERSEY

**Current Status:**

An annual twilight meeting features segments on farm safety rescue with local EMTs. No additional farm rescue training programs were identified.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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[robert.clawson@doh.state.nj.us](mailto:robert.clawson@doh.state.nj.us)

### NEW MEXICO

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training program available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### NEW YORK

**Current Status:**

The Farm Rescue & Firefighting section at Cornell University has been active with both provider rescue training and the training of new instructors in the state. New training materials and new visual training materials for use in both New York and nationally are being created. Cornell distributes these materials and helps to coordinate the national training activities.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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[krm02@health.state.ny.us](mailto:krm02@health.state.ny.us)

### NORTH CAROLINA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Current Status:**

The Casselton North Dakota Fire and Rescue Squads conduct several farm rescue trainings for other rescue units in the State.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### **NORTH MARIANA**

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### OHIO

**Current Status:**

The Ohio State Fire Marshal's office offers an accredited course geared toward equipment and victim extrication.

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**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### OKLAHOMA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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### OREGON

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue training is offered through the Farmedic program. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's office is also conducting training. For more information contact: 503-378-3473 or email [oregon.sfm@state.org.us](mailto:oregon.sfm@state.org.us).

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### PENNSYLVANIA

**Current Status:**

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Rescue Training Program developed by the Pennsylvania State University delivers training to rescue personnel through the following modules: Introduction to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Machinery Entanglements, and Managing Farm Chemical Emergencies. For more information go to this Web site under managing agricultural emergencies overview

<http://www.farmemergencies.psu.edu/>

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[www.health.state.pa.us/ems](http://www.health.state.pa.us/ems)  
[www.rollwithit.com](http://www.rollwithit.com)

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### RHODE ISLAND

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

No current agricultural safety contact.

**State EMS Training Coordinator**

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### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Current Status:**

Farm rescue programs are available through the Upstate EMS Council. For more information go to [www.upstateems.com](http://www.upstateems.com).

**Agricultural Safety Contact:**

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Upstate EMS Council  
121 Interstate Boulevard Suite 5-B  
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### SOUTH DAKOTA

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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### TENNESSEE

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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### TEXAS

**Current Status:**

No farm rescue training programs available.

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**Current Status:**

The West Virginia University Fire Extension provides two classes on farm rescue at regional fire schools. The Farm Extrication and Farmedic program provides firefighters and emergency medical personnel with knowledge of farm accidents, farm hazards, and general rescue/extrication procedures when responding and operating at an agricultural emergency. The Heavy Vehicle Rescue course is designed for vehicle extrication with large vehicles.

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### RESOURCES

**Farmedic** is a curriculum designed to train rescue workers for proper response to rural emergencies. It was developed by Cornell University. The training system now includes an Instructor Training Program, which is intended to develop into a localized Provider Training Program for the local responders. The training includes classroom work, videos, farm tours, modular demonstrations, and hands-on extrications using mannequins in real life scenarios. Additionally, this program has the ability to branch out into the rural community with the "First on the Scene" presentation, which addresses the needs of the person that may discover the farm emergency. For more information go to [www.farmedic.com](http://www.farmedic.com) or contact the program coordinator. A National course schedule is available on the Web site at <http://www.farmedic.com/schedule>.

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***Farm Rescue: Responding to Incidents and Emergencies in Agricultural Settings.*** Field, W.E., (1999).

This publication familiarizes emergency medical and rescue personnel with basic principles and procedures for responding to agricultural emergencies and will enable rescuers to approach a farm rescue with confidence and a greater awareness of the risks involved. Topics covered are: tractor over-turns, machinery entanglements, grain bin entrapments, electrocution, silo entrapments and fires, exposure to toxic gases, and agricultural chemical fires. Revision of the 1986 edition of *Farm Accident Rescue*.

***Extinguishing Fires in Silos and Hay Mows.*** Murphy, D.J., Arble, W.C. Pennsylvania State University, APLITECH: Spring Mills, PA, (2000). This publication explains the causes of silo and hay mow fires and teaches firefighters how to safely and effectively extinguish them. The type of silo, conventional, oxygen-limiting, or modified oxygen-limiting, determines the approach to fighting the fire. This document explains the techniques for locating and extinguishing fires in the different silo types. Revision of the 1989 edition of *Extinguishing Silo Fires*.

***First on the Scene.*** Murphy, D.J., Pollack, J., Smith, G., Bean, T., Sailus, M., (1989). This publication provides detailed discussions and decision-and-action diagrams for specific farm accident scenarios involving machinery, storage facilities, chemicals, and electrocution. Since such accidents often occur in isolated areas where help is not immediately available, those arriving first on the scene must understand the hazards and necessary reactions to enable a victim to survive.

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***Farm Safety: Prevention, Rescue, and Rehabilitation.*** Rein, B.K. United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service. Available through the National Ag Safety Database Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/docs/d001001-d001100/d001049/d001049.html>. This publication describes educational programs developed by the Cooperative Extension System that apply a holistic approach to agricultural safety and health. Programs range from prevention of traumatic injury and health hazards, to rescue of farm accident victims, to rehabilitation of farmers with disabling injuries.

### ORGANIZATIONS

#### **Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation, Inc. (CIT)**

CIT is a private non-profit organization whose focus is on improving outcomes for people who become suddenly ill or who are injured in rural areas of the United States and around the world. CIT is a highly collaborative organization, believing that answers to health care challenges in rural areas will not come in isolation but in cooperation. For more information contact CIT at 406-585-2659, email [info@citmt.org](mailto:info@citmt.org) or go to [www.citmt.org/index2.htm](http://www.citmt.org/index2.htm).

#### **Center for Rural Emergency Medicine (CREM)**

CREM is a multi-disciplinary center with academic relationships to various public health, acute care and prevention agencies across the Nation. Since its inception, CREM has assisted rural communities in West Virginia's 55 counties through education, research, technical support and outreach activities. CREM is affiliated with the Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center at WVU's Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center. For more information contact CREM at 304-293-6682, email [dsummers@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:dsummers@hsc.wvu.edu) or go to <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/crem/>.

#### **Emergency Medical Services for Children – National Resource Center (EMSC-NRC)**

The Emergency Medical Services for Children Program is a national initiative designed to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness and injury. Medical personnel, parents and volunteers, community groups and businesses, and national organizations and foundations all contribute to the effort. HRSA administers the program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. EMSC grants fund States and U.S. Territories to improve existing emergency medical services (EMS) systems and to develop and evaluate improved procedures and protocols for treating children. The EMSC program is the only Federal program that focuses specifically on improving the quality of children's emergency care. All States, U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia have received Federal funding. Currently, only State governments and accredited schools of medicine are eligible to receive EMSC grants. The EMSC National Resource Center provides support and technical assistance to grantees and others interested in the improvement of health and the reduction of illness or injury to America's children. For additional information contact the EMSC – NRC at 202-884-4927, email [information@emscnrc.com](mailto:information@emscnrc.com) or go to [www.ems-c.org](http://www.ems-c.org).

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### **National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP)**

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### **National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)**

NAEMT represents and serves Emergency Medical Services personnel through advocacy, educational programs and research of particular interest to this discussion. NAEMT sponsors Prehospital Trauma Life Support training for EMS and rescue personnel. For more information contact NAEMT at 1-800-34-NAEMT, email [info@naemt.org](mailto:info@naemt.org) or go to [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org).

### **National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO)**

NASEMO is the lead national organization for EMS, a respected voice for national EMS policy with comprehensive concern and commitment for the development of effective, integrated, community-based, universal, and consistent EMS systems. The National Association of State EMS Officials supports its members in providing vision and leadership in the development and improvement of EMS systems and national EMS policy. For more information contact NASEMSO at 703-538-1799, email [info@nasesmo.org](mailto:info@nasesmo.org) or go to [www.nasesmsd.org](http://www.nasesmsd.org).

### **National Council of State Emergency Medical Services Training Coordinators (NCSEMSTC)**

The National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators promotes the training of Emergency Medical Services personnel based on sound educational principles, current medical knowledge and practice. The Council seeks the standardization of nationwide training curricula; certification/recertification policies and procedures; the reciprocity of certification from State to State; and the public recognition and trust of prehospital EMS personnel health care providers. For more information contact NCSEMSTC at 703-538-1794, email [lgration@NCSEMSTC.org](mailto:lgration@NCSEMSTC.org) or go to [www.ncsemstc.org](http://www.ncsemstc.org).

### **National Children's Center for Rural & Agricultural Health & Safety (NCCRAHS)**

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### **National Farm Medicine Center (NFMC)**

NFMC is a not-for-profit program of Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. Established in 1981, NFMC addresses the disease and injury problems of our Nation's farmers, ranchers and others in industries related to agriculture. For more information contact NFMC at 800-662-6900, email [nfmesh@mcrf.mfldclin.edu](mailto:nfmesh@mcrf.mfldclin.edu) or go to [www.marshfieldclinic.org/nfmc/pages/default.aspx?page=nfmc\\_welcome](http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nfmc/pages/default.aspx?page=nfmc_welcome).

### **Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP)**

The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) promotes better health care service in rural America. Established in August 1987 by the Administration, the Office was subsequently authorized by Congress in December 1987 and located in the Health Resources and Services Administration. Congress charged the Office with informing and advising the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on matters affecting rural hospitals and health care, coordinating activities within the department that relate to rural health care, and maintaining a national information clearinghouse. ORHP manages several grant programs that may be applicable to improving medical response to farm related illness and injury. Contact information: Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy, 5600 Fishers Lane, 9A-55, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-0835. Email [JRueda@hrsa.gov](mailto:JRueda@hrsa.gov) or go to [www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov](http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov).

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