



Certified Safe Farm of NC

What is Certified Safe Farm?

- *On-Farm Safety Reviews
- *Occupational Health Screenings by AgriSafe
- *Education
- *Economic incentives - \$\$\$

As we all know, farming is a very dangerous occupation. Agriculture has the highest death rate of any other industry, 8 times the average. It has been shown that farmers have more lung health problems, higher rates of some cancers, high blood pressure, and obesity.

How Do I Become a Certified Safe Farm?

1. Schedule an On-Farm Safety Review with Extension

- *Voluntary, non-regulatory
- *One-on-one visit
- *Conducted by Extension Agents with safety training

We follow a safety checklist that scores each area of the farm. As we walk around the farm with you, we look at your equipment, storage structures, livestock structures (following biosecurity), machine and repair shops, and greenhouses.

2. Complete a Comprehensive Health Screening

This health screening is conducted by an AgriSafe nurse that looks at the health issues that are most common among farmers, & considers the types of on-the-job exposures you may have. The health screening is low-cost, only \$10/person, a fraction of the actual cost of about \$200. Depending on your assessment, the nurse may recommend that you follow-up with your doctor. The nurse can also help you with respirator fit testing.

3. Make Safety & Health Improvements: Apply for Cost-Share Funds!! \$\$\$

A simple, one page cost-share application is available to help you make the recommended safety or health improvements that are most important to you. The maximum cost-share from the NC Tobacco Trust Fund grant is \$500.

4. Proudly Display Your Sign!

After completing the program with a safety score of 85% or higher, a heavy duty outdoor sign with your farm name on it will be provided.



What are the benefits?

- *Lower insurance costs
- *Lower health costs
- *Fewer injuries
- *Better health
- *Fewer lost work days
- *A SAFER FARM FOR YOUR FAMILY, YOUR EMPLOYEES, & YOURSELF!!



Questions? Want to participate?

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