



agricultural medicine

Agriculture consistently ranks as one of America's most dangerous industries. In Nebraska alone, the industry sees an average of 12 deaths per year. The demanding nature of farming puts farmers and their families at a high risk for occupational diseases and workplace-related traumatic death and injury. Beacom Health is committed to serving this community as a trusted resource for injury prevention, treatment and education. Because many farmers are self-insured and self-employed, it is vitally important to us that they receive the proper education and expertise to know how best to keep themselves and their families healthy.

One organization striving to provide better services is Combining Agricultural Safety and Health (CA\$H), a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporate entity dedicated to Dr. Beacom's vision of a safer agricultural community. Founded in 2001, CA\$H participates in Agricultural Expos, Husker Harvest Days, state fairs and many other venues across the region to promote awareness about issues such as helmet safety and grain bin suffocation. Special demo programs are offered at all events to show how to prevent suffocation and accidents.

Staying in line with Dr. Beacom's focus on wellness for the entire family, CA\$H is forging innovative partnerships to build certified "safe play" areas on family farms. These areas will be designated sections for children to play, away from the hazardous machinery and materials often found on farms. Beyond health benefits, having a safe play area can also provide a major impact towards lowering Farm Insurance Premiums.

"Dr. Beacom's CA\$H program is an excellent fit for our area. Not only has safety on the farm now been addressed, but also the importance of wellness and preventive measures."

- Joel Marreel, Beacom Health patient-member

CA\$H is funded largely through grants and is currently in collaboration with the University of Nebraska Medical Center to garner additional farm safety grants to continue farm safety research.

