

FACULTY IMPACT STORIES

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ADVANCING AGRICULTURAL SAFETY THROUGH
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS



DESCRIPTION

Agriculture remains one of the most hazardous industries in the United States, affecting farmers, families, and rural communities alike. A collective body of research by Drs. Perry, Lawver, Pate, and Smalley highlight how improving agricultural safety begins with education and extends to the public. With leadership from Dr. Dustin Perry at Montana State University, this work emphasizes that agricultural safety is a shared responsibility and that well-prepared agricultural educators play a critical role in bringing safety awareness into classrooms, shops, and community settings where lifelong habits are formed.

Together, this research shows that sustained investment in preparing teachers leads to broader public impact. When educators see safety as an essential part of agricultural learning, students are more likely to carry safe practices into their homes and future workplaces. The result is a stronger culture of safety that reaches beyond schools, helping protect lives and strengthen agricultural communities over the long term.



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