

**Engaging Farm Safety and Manure Management:  
Safety School  
2024 North American Manure Expo**

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Livestock & Poultry Environmental Learning Community

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- First time for New York/Vermont to host this event – excited to make it a unique event for our local farmers, applicators and service providers.
- 2023 Safety School @ Wisconsin NAME as an inspiration.
- Wanted safety to be a major theme throughout the event, beyond Safety School
- A major manure accident brought this to another level – brought interest, engagement and “the why”



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**CRIME & SAFETY**

**Two who died in Central NY manure tanker mishap were volunteer firefighters, farmers, friends**

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Clinton, N.Y. — Two men who died in a manure tanker accident in Central New York were firefighters, farmers and good friends.

Nathan Doody, 33, of DeRuyter, and Tyler Memory, 29, of Tully, were found unconscious Thursday morning inside a manure tanker at Champion Farm in Clinton, police said. They were transported to the Wynn Hospital in Utica, where they were pronounced dead, police said.



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Dedication to Nathan & Tyler**

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**Team effort** – local planning committee, presenters, exhibitors, law enforcement, local fire, manure handling professionals, more

- Estimated 300 people attended SS... afternoon of Day 1 at NAME (roughly 800 people attended NAME on Day 1)
- 3 groups that rotated through the stations
- Credits: CCA, PA, Confined Space Training Cert.
- Grand finale was the pressurized drag hose release...kept people there until the end

< Milton, our safety mascot (crash test dummy)

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Station 1 –  
**Confined Space Entry & Gas Meters**

- Charismatic presenter (Tom Basher)
- Added other practitioners... Dival Safety, Walter Grose
- 114 people from 43 farms/businesses received confined space training certificates
- Utilized this as an opportunity to train local fire departments

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**Station 2 – Ag Truck and Equipment Road Safety**



- A farm truck with a couple real world issues
- Tractor and implement
- State Troopers (current) and retired



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**Station 3 – Dragline & Pump Safety**



- Practitioner as presenter
  - Credibility
  - Be sure to provide outline of talking points
- Did a good job of basics/101, not too many war stories
- Compelling, kept the crowd's attention

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**Pressurized Hose Release Demonstration**



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**Pressurized hose blowout**



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**Local First Responder, Safety and Ag Professional Cross-Training**



Evening after Expo grounds closed facilitated a manure tanker rescue and manure tanker body extraction training.

- Safety professionals – confined space rescue
- Agricultural professionals – tanker designs
- Fire department – rescuers

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START TIME	Day 1		Day 2	
7:30 AM	Tour check-in and registration opens			
8:00 AM	Summertime Farms tour departs 			
8:15-9:15 and 10:15 AM	Patterson Farms tour departs			
9:30 AM	DuMond Grain Farms and Spruce Haven Dairy tour departs			
11:00 AM	Expo grounds and tradeshow opens			
12:00 PM	Tent 1: Industry session: Puck's Pump School Tent 3: Industry session: Improving soil nitrogen management, Soil Regeneration Unlimited			
1:00 PM	Agitation demonstrations			
2:00 PM	Separation demonstrations			
3:00 PM	Safety school: dragline safety, confined space training, manure safety, truck inspection and pressurized hose release demonstration			
5:00 PM	Expo grounds close			
5:30 PM	BBQ and networking. (see page 24 for details)			

**TENT SPONSOR: PUCE ENTERPRISES**

8:00 - 8:30 **Agitating manure**  
DowCorning

8:30 - 9:00 **Manure Safety**  
DowCorning, Belvoir Lach  
John's Disease  
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9:00 - 9:30 **LEAM systems' approach to manure management**  
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10:00 - 10:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

**TENT SPONSOR: REFLYING**

8:00 - 8:30 **Manure management demonstration**  
ReFLYING

8:30 - 9:00 **Manure management demonstration**  
ReFLYING

9:00 - 9:30 **Manure management demonstration**  
ReFLYING

10:00 - 10:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

**TENT SPONSOR: DOLY-AGRI, INC/UNILINER**

8:00 - 8:30 **In-season manure application**  
DOLY-AGRI, INC/UNILINER

8:30 - 9:00 **Mitigating flood risks with manure management**  
Lawn-Rite

9:00 - 9:30 **Whole farm approach to manure management and conservation**  
John Deere

10:00 - 10:30 **Aggregation management**  
John Deere  
John Deere, Lely, May, John Deere, Lely, May

**TENT SPONSOR: DOLY-AGRI, INC/UNILINER**

8:00 - 8:30 **Compaction avoidance, manure management, and manure spreading work**  
CTTS

8:30 - 9:00 **Using soil improvement tools to reduce compaction and increase infiltration**  
John Deere, Lely, May

9:00 - 9:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

**TENT SPONSOR: OTHER**

8:00 - 8:30 **Solid Manure Demonstrations**

8:30 - 9:00 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

9:00 - 9:30 **Explosion risk and connect with vendors**  
Tent 3: Research pasture judging session

10:00 - 10:30 **Liquid manure demonstrations – including droplet application in corn and grassland irrigation**

11:00 - 11:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

**Other SAFETY Programming**

**TENT SPONSOR: PRODAIRY**

8:00 - 8:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

8:30 - 9:00 **Spill response and restoration demonstration**

9:00 - 9:30 **Explore the expo and visit with vendors**

10:00 - 10:30 **Expo grounds close - See you next year in Ohio!**

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- Large appetite for this information
- Need to do a better job with agitation demonstration:
  - signage and info on H2S,
  - those with meters needed training,
  - walkie talkies to communicate between audience and demonstrators,
  - have a plan for crowd movement



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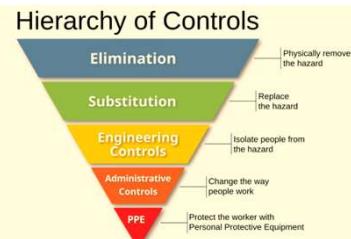
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## What we learned

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- Building a culture of safety
  - Safety talks to middle managers, farm advisors to build a **"culture of safety"**
  - Connecting farmers to safety equipment providers
  - Short videos on safety
  - Crop and Shop talks directly to farmers.
  - Hierarchy of Controls



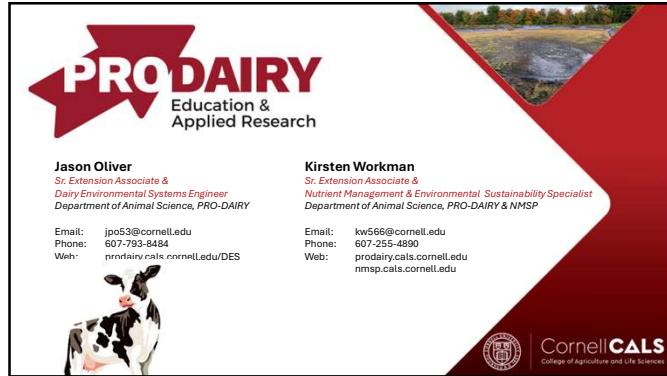
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## What's Next??

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2024 Manure Expo by the Numbers!

- 1300 attendees from 36 states and provinces across North America
- 300 people attended Safety School with three stations and a rapid hose challenge
- 200 people on 4 hours
- 225 people attended the BBQ
- 114 people from 43 countries attended and received confined space training certificates
- 110 Certified Crop Adviser, manure applicator, nutrient management, odor management and fertilizer management certified
- 110 staff, committee & volunteers to make the show happen!
- 80 exhibitors
- 60 skin cancer screenings
- 18 workshops with 35 presenters
- 15 educational displays
- 8 solid manure application demonstrations + 1 auto precision self spreading
- 8 liquid manure application demonstrations
- 6 agitation demonstrations
- 4 animal handling and career demonstrations
- 1 horse-drawn spreader

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