

SUMMER 2025

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## OUR MISSION

*promote the well-being of rural & agricultural workers & their communities by proactively addressing & preventing occupational injuries & illnesses*

## NEW LOOK, SAME NYCAMH

The NYCAMH team is proud to unveil our new logo and brand identity! The Summer 2025 Newsletter is your first look at the changes to come.

We're still the same NYCAMH you've come to know and trust since 1988; we're just looking a little different these days.



*NYCAMH, HealthWorks, & NEC staff hold new logo banner in front of office*

Throughout this process, we kept our mission at the forefront. Our priority was to cultivate an identity that embodied the vibrancy of our programs and our commitment to the rural communities of New York State. We also wanted to showcase our connections with NY's agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries. After many months of experimentation, we have a fresh and unique new look to be proud of.

Our new brand also creates a clearer connection to our work as the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NEC). When used together, both logos communicate our shared mission to support the health and safety of rural workers in dangerous industries.

This project has been an epic undertaking. A special shoutout to our team members Christina Day, Liane Hirabayashi, Erika Scott, Dahlia Sheehan-Yassin, and Madeleine Zenir for all of their hard work toward making this possible.

We are thrilled to finally introduce you to the new NYCAMH and hope you are just as excited as we are!



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## NEW TO NYCAMH

### JOIN THE TEAM

NYCAMH is currently seeking to add two Bilingual Agricultural Safety Educators to our team! These are remote roles based in Long Island and Western NY. Positions in both locations will include travel requirements within corresponding regions. Scan below to apply today!

#### LONG ISLAND POSITION



#### WESTERN NY POSITION



Learn more about opportunities to join our team at [nycamh.org/careers](https://nycamh.org/careers).

### WELCOME, ALLISON!

At the end of April, we welcomed Allison Flanagan to the NYCAMH and NEC team! As Marketing Manager, she brings a fresh set of eyes to our work, just in time for our rebrand. A proud lifelong resident of CNY, Allison grew up in a dairy family and holds a bachelor's degree in public relations from SUNY Oswego. She says she's most excited about "getting back to my roots" through her new role. Welcome aboard!



## NYS 2025-26 BUDGET

NYCAMH is grateful to New York State leadership for their continued investment in our life-changing occupational safety and health programs. As a state with tens of thousands of farmworkers, it is heartening to know our rural communities have the support of our elected officials.

Thanks to bipartisan support, NYCAMH will receive a total of roughly \$2.6 million in 2025 for our programming. This crucial funding will ensure that farmers, farmworkers, and farm families stay safe and healthy in the years to come.



*NY dairy farm family watches cows at a safe distance*

This announcement comes at a time when funding for similar agricultural health and safety centers across the country are facing uncertainty. All of these centers, including ours, may be directly impacted by significant and immediate cuts to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

We are grateful to our ag community partners like the New York Farm Bureau and the Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA) for advocating for us and the importance of our work, as well as to our representatives for their ongoing support.

## FARMWORKER HEALTH SCREENINGS

In March, NYCAMH initiated a pilot program to include the provision of dental and vision screenings during on-farm health visits. In addition to existing services like vital measurements, immunizations, and general health exams, 29 participating workers across two local farms had access to dental consultations and eye exams. These screenings were provided at no cost and in the farmworkers' preferred languages.

We are grateful to the local experts who graciously donated their time and professional services to make these clinics possible! Thank you to:

**LEAH CARPENTER, DMD**  
Bassett Healthcare Network  
School-Based Health

**RACHEL HANSEN, OD**  
Oneonta Optical

**MARIA KALTENBACH, RDH**  
Northern Catskill Dental Associates

The Health Screenings for Farmworkers in the South Central New York Region pilot project aims to provide screening services for 100 farmworkers in the area, connect participants to follow-up care, and provide financial assistance for associated costs. The program is made possible by the Community Foundation for South Central New York.



*Hansen conducts eye health exam*



*dental exam by Carpenter, assisted by Kaltenbach*

## NYCAMH HAPPENINGS

### NEASHC: MAY 6-8

Five NYCAMH staff attended the Northeast Ag Safety and Health Coalition (NEASHC) spring meeting in State College, PA alongside educators from five other regional states. NEASHC is a professional development and networking program for farm safety and health educators. The annual in-person session is an opportunity for networking, education, and idea sharing between coalition members.

To learn more about NEASHC or get involved, visit [necenter.org/training](https://necenter.org/training)

*left to right: Justine Deming (RI), Bill Davenport (CT), Anna Meyerhoff (NY), Linda Fetzer (PA), Sarah Welsh (NY), Christina Day (NY), Pauline Boyer (NY), Marty Mondock (PA), Kate Brown (NJ), Christine Johnston (MD)*



### DOWN THE ROAD

**JUNE**  
National Safety Month  
National Dairy Month

**AUGUST 6**  
Farmworker Appreciation Day

## SPREADING ROADWAY SAFETY, ONE SIGN AT A TIME

This spring, NYCAMH partnered with Clinton Tractor & Implement Co. to supply 100 Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblems to local youth who participated in tractor safety certification programs.

Reflective SMVs increase visibility of slow-moving vehicles on the road, reinforcing safe roadway behaviors and promoting a safety mindset. The provided SMVs included mounting hardware for easy installation on farm vehicles and equipment.

Our partnership with Clinton Tractor showcases our shared commitment to protecting farm families through education and prevention. Together, we are providing the next generation of farmers with critical safety tools and empowering them to sustain a culture of safety awareness and responsibility, one sign at a time.

Funds for this project were awarded by the Northeast Ag Safety and Health Coalition (NEASHC) mini-grant program, which enabled the purchase of 50 SMV emblems.

Clinton Tractor & Implement Co. generously matched this grant and allowed for the purchase of an additional 50 SMV emblems.



*Chautauqua County youth with gifted SMV emblems*



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Farmworkers are more likely than other occupations to suffer from heat-related illness. We can help you protect your workers through the John May Farm Safety Fund. By supporting NY farmers\* with funds to make equipment and materials upgrades, we help everyone on the farm stay safe and healthy.

**We'll Help  
Keep You Cool.**

**YOU PAY HALF, WE PAY HALF  
UP TO \$5,000**

Get reimbursement for up to 50% of the costs for worker safety upgrades.

*\*Safety Fund available to NY farmers with small- and mid-size operations.*

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