**Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health Conference in Pella, Iowa on November 14-15, 2017**

In an era of constantly changing technology, weather and policies, “Best Practices for New Horizons” is the theme of the 2017 Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health (MRASH) Conference. The conference brings together farm families, safety and health professionals, researchers, policy makers, health providers, emergency responders, students, agribusiness representatives and many others, all with the goal to keep people safe and healthy on the farm.

On November 14, the program will explore ways to integrate farm safety and health into best farm management practices with a keynote by nationally recognized farm management consultant, Dick Wittman. In the afternoon, presenters will share their research and outreach efforts in many aspects of farm safety and health. A poster session and reception that evening allows additional projects to be shared and provides an opportunity to network with individuals from many diverse backgrounds.

Farmers get a chance to have their say the second day of the conference through farmer panels. Small work groups will focus on creating effective safety and health messages under the guidance of Linda Laine from Central College. Mark Grey, Director of the Iowa Center for Immigrant Leadership and Integration and Michele Devlin, Director of the Iowa Center on Health Disparities will share lessons on immigrant farm worker health and safety. The afternoon will feature two in-depth workshops, one on effective strategies for farm-related emergencies and one on how AgrAbility efforts can help farmers with disabilities farm successfully

Conference participants can register for one or both days. More information is available online at [www.i-cash.org/2017-mrash](http://www.i-cash.org/2017-mrash). Registrations can also be made by calling the University of Iowa Center for Conferences at 319-335-4141. The conference is co-sponsored by the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health (GPCAH) and Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH).