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NASDA and EPA Announce the Availability of New Workplace Safety Information for Youth

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Foundation worked with the Federal Network (FedNet) for Young Worker Safety and Health to develop the "Can You Dig It?: A Safety & Health Guide for Young Workers in Landscaping, Greenhouses, & Nurseries." The brochure is available in both English and Spanish.

FedNet is a cooperative network of numerous federal agencies with the shared goal of reducing occupational injury and illness in young workers ages 14 to 24. FedNet members share resources to promote occupational safety and health and workplace responsibilities.

The "Can You Dig It?" brochure is an example of the FedNet partnership with the NASDA Foundation in developing a comprehensive workplace safety message for young workers in the greenhouse, nursery, and landscaping industries; specifically targeted to young workers who have limited English proficiency. The information contained in the "Can You Dig It?" brochure was selected based on common landscaping risks, including pesticides, heat stress, noise, equipment use, and other workplace hazards. The risks addressed in the brochure are affirmed by statistics published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The brochure has been disseminated to a large pool of agricultural worker safety stakeholders across the United States. The NASDA Foundation is viewing the "Can You Dig It?" brochure as a pilot project to determine the need for developing additional materials focusing on young agricultural worker safety and health.

For additional information on FedNet and to download electronic versions of this brochure, please consult the NASDA and FedNet websites at www.nasda.org/workersafety/ and <http://youngworkers.net>. For additional project information please contact Dick Herrett (dick@nasda.org) or Elizabeth Evans (evans.elizabeth@epa.gov).



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