Protecting Workers | Developing Professionals

The SW Ag Center was created in 1995 at The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center to serve Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas as part of a program initiative of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. NIOSH established a network of centers to conduct programs of research, prevention, intervention, education, and outreach to reduce occupational injuries and diseases among agricultural workers and their families.

Outreach

Safety Articles | Online Resources | Virtual Trainings | Local Partner Engagement

358,000 YouTube Views

4,000+ resources distributed annually

Dairy Worker COVID-19 Training

Research

Dairy Worker Safety | Organic Farming Survey | Roadway Safety
Farmer Health & Safety

From 2010-2018 there were 4,714 crashes that involved farm equipment in the SW. Of these, 1,729 (37%) resulted in an injury.

328 occurred in NM

Capacity Building

$142,000 Outreach Mini Grants
since 2018

$558,000 Feasibility Studies Funding
since 2012

$46,000 Internship Support
since 2012

$150,000 per year dedicated to NM Research

Partners

- University of New Mexico
- New Mexico State University
- Dairy Producers of NM
- Cross Country Dairy
- Farm to Table
- La Cosecha

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Hill Visit Notes
New Mexico

- Dr. Eva Shipp is collecting agricultural and logging-related crash data to better inform state transportation safety initiatives
- Dr. Dave Douphrate has a new project to characterize the health status of workers at large herd dairies.
- Dr. Robert Hagevoort from New Mexico State University is a long-standing member of the SW Ag Center Advisory Board
- Dr. Francisco Soto Mas has conducted extensive research with organic farmers in New Mexico, many students were mentored throughout his research
- Dr. Tammy Thomas created a farmer health and safety program with support from the SW Ag Center feasibility study program
- Dr. Melissa Fleegler was able to offer a rural medicine experience to residents through the feasibility study program