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The Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) backs call for farmers to rethink risk

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers is supporting this year's Farm Safety Week (19-23 July) organised by leading farming charity the Farm Safety Foundation encouraging the farming community to rethink risk so we can finally start to reduce the number of life changing and life ending incidents happening on UK and Ireland's farms.

Throughout Farm Safety Week, the Farm Safety Foundation, supported by the Farm Safety Partnerships, the Health & Safety Executive, Health & Safety Executive for Northern Ireland and the Health & Safety Authority, Ireland, will encourage people in the industry to speak up for safety and make our farms safer places to work. Farming has the poorest safety record of any occupation in the UK and Ireland so this week brings five countries together to encourage farmers and farm workers to view health and safety as an integral part of their business, carry out risk assessments and recognise the changing hazards and risks on any busy farm.

Charles Nicklin CEO of IAgrE said: "We are proud to support the annual Farm Safety Week campaign. On a farm, as with any business, the number one resource is the people. A farm incident whether fatal or causing serious trauma can have awful, potentially lifelong consequences for a business, not to mention a family. Injuries on our farms are still happening much more often than they should and this needs to stop,"

For more information on 'Farm Safety Week' visit www.yellowwellies.org or follow @yellowwelliesUK on Twitter/Facebook/Instagram.

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