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MS AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY  
EXPERIMENT STATION

# MAFES DAWG TRACKS

Here within MAFES we are great at agricultural research and implementing improvements for growing more productive crops, but are we also growing more productive and safer working employees?

We've all heard the saying, "Never stop learning" and it takes age and experiences to truly understand the why of that saying. But if you keep growing in knowledge, no matter the subject, it can benefit both your work life and your personal life.

Opportunities to learn increase job performance giving people motivation to continually grow. This can help get work done more efficiently and even safer. Work related training may be safety specific or could be training on a topic in your field that has safety related components. Any topic that helps you understand the why and how of a subject also helps you work safer.

Be curious. Ask why. If a question pops into your head, find out the correct answer.

Ask a co-worker for help; it's hard to beat good advice from those that have hands-on experience.

Ask your supervisor/department head for direction. Understanding the overall goal can help you set steps in place for day to day task to move toward these goals.

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Learn what opportunities exist for training and pass the info onto co-workers and your staff. It can be anything from traveling to multi-day conferences to a five minute You Tube video watched on your phone.

There are many opportunities to learn within MSU to keep you growing...

- Soft skills through MSU Human <https://www.hrm.msstate.edu/learn-grow/training>
- Variety of topics through Extension – see their calendar of events <http://extension.msstate.edu/calendar/events>.
- Chemical, Hazardous Waste & Radiation safety manuals <https://www.ehs.msstate.edu/resources>
- Safety training classes available through MAFES/ES Risk Management (others available at request).
  - Emergency Action
  - CPR / AED / 1<sup>st</sup> Aid
  - Fire Extinguisher Use
  - UTV / ATV
  - Forklift
  - Lockout/Tagout
  - Shop Safety
  - Tractor/Ag Machinery Safety Overview
  - Respirator Use & Care
  - Safety Skills Competition (customized)
  - Importance of Safety
  - Facility Safety Overview
  - The What & Why of PPE
- MAFES safety information, forms, and a library of the safety newsletters for use when holding routine Toolbox Safety Meetings <https://www.mafes.msstate.edu/safety/index.asp>