National FARMEDIC Provider Course

Agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in America. Each year, needless injuries and deaths occur to farmers, family members, farm employees, and rescue personnel. Emergency responders often lack knowledge of the nature of farm machinery, chemicals, and farm structures; in addition, some rescue techniques may actually increase the risk to the victim and rescue personnel. Training and education in the methods of farm/rural rescue are essential for proper response and safety of the rescuer and patient.

The main goal of the National FARMEDIC Training Program is to:

- Provide rural fire/rescue responders with a systematic approach to farm rescue procedures that address the safety of both patients and responders.
- To shorten notification, response, and extrication times; improve first aid, EMS, and hospital care; and reduce rescuer injuries.

The FARMEDIC Provider course is a program that teaches:

- Fire and emergency medical personnel the basics of responding to an agricultural emergency.
- Trains officer level staff how to manage an incident using the fundamentals of the National Emergency Management System.
  - The use of incident command and scene safety will be stressed throughout the program.

Farming is an occupation that exposes workers to many hazards. The key to survival involves not getting caught by these hazards.

This program will lead participants through various scenarios that will force them to think about typical injury incidents and make proper decisions and reactions to them.