# SO GOD MADE A FARMER

# AND WE WANT TO KEEP HIM

Stress, anger, frustration? We have confidential help ready to talk to you day or night.





# WARNING SIGNS FOR SUICIDE:

# IF A PERSON TALKS ABOUT:

- Killing themselves
- Feeling hopeless
- Having no reason to live
- Being a burden to others
- Feeling trapped
- Cannot see a future for themselves
- Unbearable pain—whether physical, psychological, or a combination of both

## WHAT ARE THEIR ACTIONS?

The following are some behaviors that may indicate risk, especially if related to a painful event, loss or change:

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Looking for a way to end their lives, such as searching online for methods
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from family and friends

### Sleeping too much or too little

- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions
- Displaying aggression
- WHAT IS THEIR MOOD?

A person at risk for suicide may display one or more of the following moods:

- Depression
- Anxiety

- Displaying fatigue
- > Decline in the appearance of the farmstead
- Decline in the health and care for livestock and crops

- Loss of interest
- Irritability Humiliation/Shame

- Agitation/Anger
- Relief/Sudden Improvement

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (www.sprc.org) has identified 3 risk factors that should prompt IMMEDIATE action such as calling the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (9-8-8) or going to the nearest emergency department:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself
- Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or obtaining a gun
- > Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live

# HOW TO HELP SOMEONE IN EMOTIONAL PAIN

- ASK -Ask In Earnest if they are thinking of suicide
- Keep them safe Be there
- Help them connect Stay connected

https://www.nimh.nih.gov/sites/default/files/documents/health/publications/5-action-steps-for-helping-someone-in-emotional-pain/5-action-steps.pdf

# RESOURCES

### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** Call: 9-8-8

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, and prevention and crisis resources for your loved one.

https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

### Ask In Earnest

This initiative raises awareness of suicide in the farm and ranch community and engages rural populations in a community-based effort of suicide prevention.

www.askinearnest.org #askinearnest

**Farm Crisis Center** 

through stressful times.

https://farmcrisis.nfu.org/

### AgriStress Helpline for Wyoming

Call or Text: 1-833-897-2474 It's okay to ask for help. Have you experienced problems like rising costs, market fluctuations, family conflicts or extreme weather? Even the toughest people need help sometimes. Operators available 24/7, free and confidential.

https://www.agrisafe.org/agristress-response-network/

**Counseling Vouchers for Agriculture** 

Grace for 2 Brothers is providing vouchers for up to six free mental health sessions for those working in agriculture/rodeo/farming communities. For more information for yourself or your provider, contact (307) 256-3344.

The National Farmer's Union has

compiled resources to help farmers

### Farm Aid

Farm Aid works year-round to build a system of agriculture that values family farmers, good food, soil and water, and strong communities.

https://www.farmaid.org/

### Wyoming Ag Stress Resources

Clearinghouse of services available to Wyoming's farmers and ranchers. Agriculture.wy.gov

### American Farm Bureau Federation

The Farm State Of Mind provides information on warning signs, resources, and how to help someone in emotional pain.

https://www.fb.org/ #FarmStateOfMind

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