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# STRESSED?

Stress affects everyone in different ways. It impacts our mental health and physical health. Ignoring signs that our mental well-being needs a tune-up could result in time away from work & increased healthcare expenses.

Even the toughest people need help sometimes.



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# AgriStress HELPLINE for Texas

**833.897.2474** 

## **HELPLINE INFO**

### A 24/7 lifeline for agricultural communities.

Staffed by professionals trained to respond appropriately to the agricultural community through a program developed by experts in mental health, agriculture production, mediation, and financial analysis.

### Utilizes a "care navigation" process that:

- triages for safety with crisis intervention and response;
- directs callers to appropriate resources for their situation.

# **KNOW THE SIGNS**

### **Signs of Stress May Include:**

- A decline in personal appearance
- Changes in routines or social activities
- · Increases in illness or chronic conditions
- · Lack of interest in activities
- A decline in the care of pets and livestock
- A decline in the appearance of the farm
- Increases in farm accidents)

### Signs of Suicidal Thoughts May Include:

- · Withdrawal from friends or activities
- Suggesting people would be better off without them
- Engaging in risky behaviors
- Drastic changes in mood or behavior
- Giving away possessions

# **HOW TO HELP**

### Start a conversation.

If you know someone that is experiencing emotional pain or thoughts of suicide...

- Ask if they want to talk and let them know you care about them.
- 2. Listen to them well.
- 3. **Familiarize** yourself with available mental health resources.
- 4. Connect them to help then follow up.
- Reduce access to lethal means, such as firearms, if you think someone is at risk of suicide.