

# Safety of People and Communities



## Overview

TFI members own and operate thousands of fertilizer manufacturing, import, export, and retail facilities located in communities across the country. These facilities are part of the fabric of the communities they serve, and in many cases, have been for many years. The safety and security of fertilizer facility employees and those who reside in these communities is a key priority for the fertilizer industry. As such, TFI members go to great lengths to implement safety programs and adhere to state and federal regulations from multiple governing agencies.

## How Does the Fertilizer Industry Prioritize Safety?

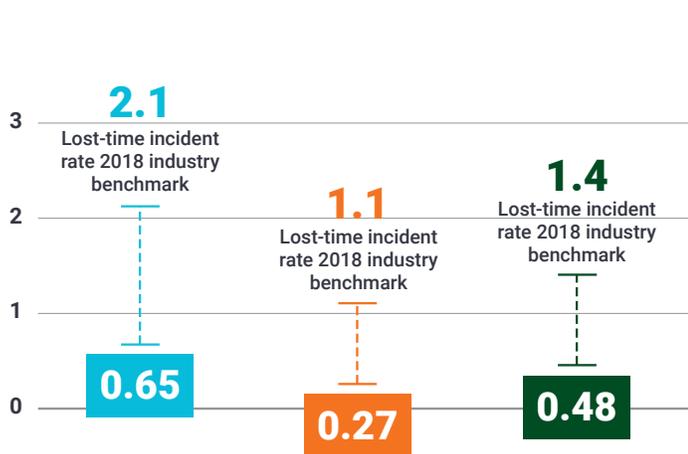
Only those operations that are safe and secure for employees and communities are truly sustainable. To that end, the industry puts a large emphasis on safety and the implementation and adherence to government programs to ensure safe and secure workplaces and communities. These programs and their parent agencies include:

**Risk Management  
Program, Environmental  
Protection Agency**

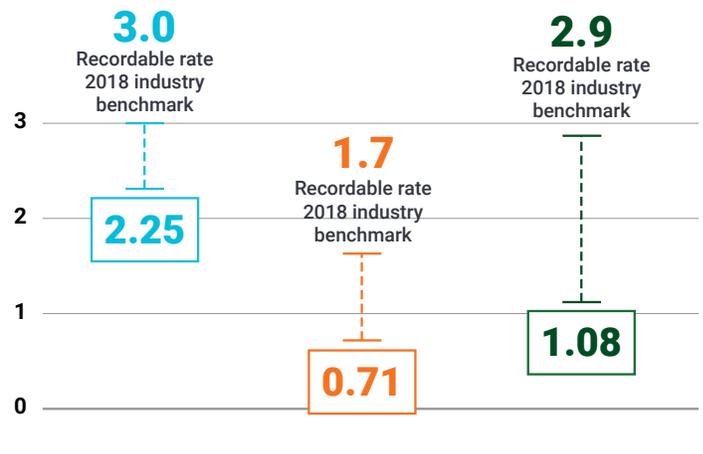
**Process Safety  
Management Program,  
Occupational Health and  
Safety Administration**

**Chemical Facility  
Anti-Terrorism Standards  
Program, Department of  
Homeland Security**

Additionally, TFI, in partnership with the Agricultural Retailers Association, created a stewardship program called ResponsibleAg to further support these objectives and ensure industry compliance with all safety and security related regulations.



2018 Lost-Time Incident for Manufacturing, Blenders & Wholesalers & Mining Employees



2018 Recordable Rate for Manufacturing, Blenders & Wholesalers & Mining Employees

■ Blenders and Wholesalers   ■ Mining   ■ Manufacturing

In 2018, the lost-time incident rate was the lowest recorded, and the recordable rate was the second-lowest recorded since TFI began collecting data in 2013.

Safety performance among participating TFI member companies continued to outperform industry peers when compared to data released in November 2019 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## How Can Government Support Industry Safety and Security Efforts?

The ResponsibleAg program, focused on the more than 6,000 agricultural retail operations around the United States, is designed to ensure that retail facility operators are in compliance with all relevant federal rules and regulations, particularly those administered by EPA, OSHA, DHS, and the Department of Transportation. Since ResponsibleAg's creation in 2015, nearly 3,000 retail facilities have joined the program, and more than 1,000 facilities have been certified as being in full compliance with all requirements.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**1,310 retail facilities**  
certified under ResponsibleAg

**3,266 ResponsibleAg audits**  
completed

**2,591 facilities**  
certified with ResponsibleAg