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“This is a real breakthrough for migrants who meet the criteria and gives their farm employers certainty to plan for the future,” said DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle.

“We thank the government for listening to the sector’s calls for these highly skilled people to return. They contribute to the dairy sector’s success, are invaluable for their experience and skills, and are important for training incoming Kiwi staff.”

The visa holders and their families will follow all border control processes and go into quarantine or managed isolation, before re-joining their communities here.

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/dairy-sector-welcomes-govt-announcement-on-migrants/>

Tags : Rural Employment, Migration, Policy

COVID-19 and the Agriculture Industry: Labor, Supply Chains, and Consumer Behavior

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Links : <http://www.aaea.org/publications/publications-update/covid-19-and-the-agriculture-industry-labor-supply-chains-and-consumer-behavior>

ILO to release new analysis of effects of COVID-19 on labour income and markets

The ILO Monitor sixth edition: COVID-19 and the world of work, and accompanying press release, will be published on Wednesday 23 September.

The latest Monitor looks at labour income losses and the effectiveness of fiscal stimulus packages introduced to lessen the impact of the pandemic on labour markets. It also includes revised estimates on the extent of disruption to labour markets in 2020, and the implications for policies in the remainder of the year.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_755470/lang--en/index.htm

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Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/news/2020/farmerhighlyvulnerablec19.php>

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COVID-19 and Maritime Crew Changes

COVID-19 containment measures, travel restrictions and border closures, continue to make it increasingly difficult for ship operators worldwide to conduct required crew changes. The ILO, shipowners' and seafarers' organizations and UN bodies call to end the plight of seafarers and to fully respect seafarers' rights.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_756185/lang--en/index.htm

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Employment and decent work can contribute to peace and social cohesion during the COVID-19 crisis

Countries that are already experiencing fragility, conflict, climate change and forced displacement will continue to face multiple burdens as results of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ILO calls for more peaceful and resilient societies through the promotion of employment and decent work.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_756233/lang--en/index.htm

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To mark the start of Mental Health Awareness Week in New Zealand, the dairy sector is calling for rural mental health to be a priority.

DairyNZ, Federated Farmers and Dairy Women's Network are concerned by the levels of mental health issues in rural communities, as illustrated in 'The View from the Cowshed' report released last month, and want to see action.

DairyNZ's report highlighted that rural mental health is an ongoing issue, with 62 percent of dairy farmers stating they, or someone on their farm, has experienced mental health issues in the past 12 months.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says sadly the statistics are not surprising, as mental health has been a recurring issue in rural communities for some time - but that needs to change.

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/dairy-sector-calls-for-action-on-rural-mental-health/>

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Links : <https://vegetablegrowersnews.com/news/covid-19-and-the-ag-industry-labor-supply-chains-and-consumer-behavior/>

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Sheep - Reducing the labour requirement at lambing through breeding

Both ewe mothering ability and lamb vigour can be improved through breeding. In fact all improvements made through breeding are permanent and cumulative being passed on from one generation to the next as Teagasc researchers Áine O'Brien and Donagh Berry and Alan Bohan, Sheep Ireland explain.

Main Messages

- Lambing accounts for over 25% of the labour requirement throughout the year
- Improving ewe mothering ability and lamb vigour immediately after birth could reduce the labour requirement
- Both ewe mothering ability and lamb vigour can be improved through breeding

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/sheep/reducing-the-labour-requirement-at-lambing-through-breeding.php>

Tags : Work productivity, Work organisation

Migrant Farmworkers at High Risk for Coronavirus

At any one time depending on the season, there are over 1 to 2,4 million farmworkers in the U.S., about half of whom are undocumented. Living in close quarters with scarce personal protection equipment or opportunities for frequent handwashing, migrant farmworkers have an increased risk of contracting the coronavirus. Frequent exposure to pesticides, dust, and exhaust fumes from machinery can also have harmful effects on their immune system. Few have access to healthcare services, and workers are reluctant to stay home when they are sick because they won't get paid. When testing for COVID-19 is provided, many are afraid to participate due to their undocumented status. Farmworkers in the southern states are now migrating to northern regions for the growing season, creating widespread fear that this will further result in the spread of the virus.

Links : <https://blog.iica.int/en/blog/migrant-farmworkers-high-risk-coronavirus>

Tags : Hired work, Migration, Health and decent work

FAO : plateforme de données géospatiales afin de renforcer l'agriculture et l'alimentation post COVID-19

Des millions de données géospatiales et des milliers de statistiques sur plus de dix domaines liés à l'agriculture et à l'alimentation.

La plateforme géospatiale Main dans la main, qui contient un vaste et riche ensemble de données sur l'alimentation, l'agriculture, la situation socioéconomique et les ressources naturelles, afin de contribuer au renforcement de la prise de décision fondée sur des éléments probants dans les secteurs de l'alimentation et de l'agriculture.

Cette plateforme est un outil indispensable qui contribuera à tous les efforts visant à reconstruire ou à créer des systèmes alimentaires plus résilients après la pandémie du COVID-19.

Links : <https://www.agreenium.fr/actualites/fao-plateforme-de-donnees-geospatiales-afin-de-renforcer-lagriculture-et-lalimentation>

Activité et conditions d'emploi de la main-d'œuvre pendant la crise sanitaire Covid-19

La sixième édition de l'enquête Acemo spéciale Covid, réalisée par la Dares avec l'appui de l'Insee, a interrogé les entreprises de 10 salariés ou plus du secteur privé non agricole entre le 31 août et le 11 septembre 2020, sur leur situation et les conditions d'emploi de la main-d'œuvre en août.

Links : <https://dares.travail-emploi.gouv.fr/dares-etudes-et-statistiques/tableaux-de-bord/le-marche-du-travail-pendant-le-covid-19/enquete-acemo-pendant-la-crise-sanitaire-covid-19/article/activite-et-conditions-d-emploi-de-la-main-d-oeuvre-pendant-la-crise-sanitaire-119550>

Trabajando con Jóvenes Rurales en América Latina: Una Revisión Crítica Necesaria

América Latina es una región con una enorme diversidad. Tenemos realidades concretas muy distintas unas de otras, jóvenes que pertenecen a sectores muy integrados de la economía agraria, jóvenes que realizan actividades sobre todo en el campo universitario en relación con el tema rural, y otros más excluidos. A esto se suman las diferencias étnicas, raciales, en términos de pertenencia a familias de distintos sectores y distintos niveles de ingreso; quienes se vinculan a experiencias de agricultura familiar, cooperativas, etc. Estamos hablando de juventudes muy diversas. Y, por si fuera poco, las distancias económicas y culturales que existen entre las regiones de América Latina, hacen realmente difícil poder hablar de estos temas sin tener en cuenta la diversidad de situaciones.

Links : <https://blog.iica.int/index.php/en/blog/trabajando-jovenes-rurales-en-america-latina-una-revision-critica-necesaria>

Tags : Youth