



What's up on work in agriculture?

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Make Personal Health and Wellbeing a Priority

While, Farming as a lifestyle is mainly very positive for wellbeing, Teagasc Health & Safety Specialists, Francis Bligh & John McNamara realise that it's not always a "bed of bluebells". So today, Friday April 30, on National Workplace Wellbeing Day farmers are reminded that this day is for them too

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/other/make-personal-health-and-wellbeing-a-priority.php>

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Solidarité Paysans : Santé mentale et agriculture : webinaire européen - Replay



Cette session s'inscrit dans une série de webinaires sur les questions de santé mentale en agriculture. La réflexion porte plus précisément sur : comment fournir des interventions réussies pour les populations agricoles. Les intervenants se concentreront ici sur les meilleures pratiques au sein des réseaux européens du GFRAS avec un focus sur les projets de soutien aux agriculteurs existant.

Links : <https://solidaritepaysans.org/notre-action/actualites/sante-mentale-et-agriculture-webinaire-europeen>

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Take action to build resilient occupational safety and health systems

On World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021 the ILO calls for action and investment for a better future of work with safe and healthy work places.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_783653/lang--en/index.htm

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Beef - Taking care of the Farmer and farm problems

Catherine Egan Teagasc Beef Specialist has some very important advice here about taking care of typical problems on the farm. She points out all the ways your Teagasc Advisor can help. After a difficult Spring the Number 1 priority should be to take care of the farmer now. Make that phone call today

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/beef/taking-care-of-the-farmer-and-farm-problems.php>

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Closing the gender gap to fight Rift Valley fever and other zoonotic diseases

Fever, dizziness, blindness and even inflammation of the brain are among the potential consequences for humans infected with Rift Valley fever. This viral zoonotic disease strikes farm animals, such as camels, cattle, goats and sheep, when they are bitten by infected mosquitoes. It can be transmitted from farm animals to humans when livestock keepers and abattoir workers, for example, come into contact with raw meat or milk.

Rift Valley fever was first reported in Uganda in 2016 and is now considered endemic. The disease can be controlled through vaccination, and the Ugandan government is reviewing vaccine options, although formal approval is still pending. Active surveillance and reporting as well as information campaigns on proper precautions to avoid human infection have already been put in place.

However, despite their important roles in raising and caring for livestock, women are largely barred from accessing information on the disease, from training and from technologies such as vaccines. In a new brief, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) scientists Jane Namatovu, Emily Ouma and Zoë Campbell outline the many reasons why including both women and men in disease-control efforts will be essential to curb Rift Valley fever in Uganda.

Links : <https://www.ilri.org/news/closing-gender-gap-fight-rift-valley-fever-and-other-zoonotic-diseases>

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U.S. pork, beef plants more than doubled local COVID-19 infection rates



The presence of a meatpacking plant more than doubled U.S. counties' COVID-19 infection rates, according to a new study.

The beef, pork and poultry processors accounted for an estimated 334,000 COVID-19 cases, 18,000 deaths, and \$11.2 billion in economic damage, the economists found in a modeling analysis.

The study by Tina Saitone of the University of California, Davis, Aleks Schaefer of Michigan State University and Daniel Scheitrum of the University of Arizona found that counties that included beef, pork, or poultry plants all saw higher COVID-19 rates than

counties without meat processing. The study was published in Food Policy.

“The presence of a large beef packing facility increases per capita infection rates by 110%, relative to comparable counties without meatpacking plants. Large pork and chicken processing facilities increase transmission rates by 160% and 20%, respectively,” the authors wrote. Those increases apply to infection rates within 150 days of the first infection in the county.

Links : <https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2021/04/09/study-u-s-pork-beef-plants-more-than-doubled-local-covid-19-infection-rates/>

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COVID: Florida left farmworkers out of pandemic response

“It’s urgent that agricultural workers are vaccinated before they travel to other states,” said Lupe Gonzalo of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. “More than anything, there’s a lack of responsibility, and again we’re seeing the same thing: another rather large failure in bringing necessary resources, urgent resources to farmworkers.”

The coalition estimates about 20,000 migrants live in Immokalee during harvest season.

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced last week that the state will open vaccines to anyone 18 and older on April 5, leaving co-health care providers and nonprofits scrambling to reach thousands of migrant workers who start heading north in April.

Links : <https://eu.jacksonville.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/03/28/covid-florida-left-farmworkers-out-pandemic-response-ron-desantis-nikki-fried/6922068002/>

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“To achieve Zero Hunger, we must ensure zero child labour” - FAO pledges to end child labour in agriculture in Africa

Of the 72 million child labourers in Africa, 85 percent work in the agriculture sector, such as crop production, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture. Most of children’s agricultural work is unpaid and takes place within the family unit.

Phiri pledged FAO’s commitment to intensify its work to address this predicament through a dedicated work programme within the FAO Strategic Framework.

“To achieve Zero Hunger, we must have zero child labour,” Phiri stressed, adding that, “child labour in agriculture harms children, damages the agriculture sector and perpetuates rural poverty. This year, FAO will step-up its efforts to strengthen the capacities of a wide range of agricultural actors to include child labour prevention and decent youth employment in their work. Policies, strategies, programmes, and investments related to agri-food systems will need to address the root causes of child labour, including household poverty.”

Links : <http://www.fao.org/africa/news/detail-news/en/c/1392548/>

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