



# What's up on work in agriculture?

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## Farm Safety Partnership launch action plan for 2021 - 2024

Over the past decade, more people died in agriculture compared with any other economic sector. Of the 495 work-related fatalities in Ireland during 2011 -2020, 208 occurred in Agriculture, according to the Health and Safety Authority's Review of Work-Related Deaths in Agriculture in Ireland 2011-2020. 51% of the worker-victims were aged 65 years or older, while 21 of the victims were aged under 18.

Agriculture is a high-risk industry, where most are self-employed and predominantly work alone. Workers are potentially exposed to many dangers, such as large animals, heavy machinery, and liquids such as slurry and gas emitting materials.

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/farm-business/farm-safety-partnership-launch-action-plan-for-2021---2024.php>

Tags : Health and decent work

## Reaping the benefits: Training in rice growing system ups yields and well-being

Researchers conducted randomized trials of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) agronomy method. Following SRI training of 5,486 Bangladeshi rice farmers, they compared trained and untrained farmers. The results showed compelling benefits for SRI's efficacy in increasing yield and profits, how it improves farming households' well-being, and its positive spillover effects in communities. This bolsters support for SRI's value, especially in the Global South.

Links : <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/07/210721102300.htm>

Tags : Migration, Skills and training

## An end to child labour and forced labour in Uzbekistan's cotton harvest

Uzbekistan is the sixth largest producer of cotton in the world. Two million people pick the cotton every harvest. The ILO is working with the government, workers, employers and civic society to bring about an end to child labour and forced labour during the harvest. From a cotton field outside of Tashkent, Chief technical advisor, Jonas Astrup, reports on the impact of the ILO project: Third party monitoring on child and forced labour in Uzbekistan

Links : [http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS\\_818200/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_818200/lang--en/index.htm)

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## A new DairyNZ and ACC project is looking at improving the health and safety of farmers, by reducing the occurrence of sprains and strains on-farm

“Sprains and strains represent around 40 percent of dairy farm injuries, with the highest risk period occurring between August and October. This coincides with peak calving on most farms, where we often see increased working hours and fatigue,” says Ms Morrell.

This project has been made possible through \$900,000 of co-funding by the ACC’s Workplace Injury Prevention programme, supported by a \$150,000 investment by dairy farmers through the DairyNZ levy.

“We are grateful for the ACC funding, as it will allow us to identify potential solutions to reduce sprains and strains, helping improve the wellbeing of our farmers - employers and employees,” says Ms Morrell.

“This project is exciting, as it works towards improving our workplaces which will have positive outcomes for all farmers, supporting the sector to attract and retain staff.

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/new-project-to-improve-on-farm-health-and-safety/>

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## Decent jobs and safe water in the Philippines

In the latest in the ILO in Action video story series, Jennylyn Aguinaldo, manager of the ILO-Japan Water Project in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, explains how the ILO is contributing to peace and development in one of the poorest parts of the Philippines, with water system construction projects that provide decent jobs, social protection and better access to safe water.

Links : [http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS\\_816894/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_816894/lang--en/index.htm)

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## Training of Trainers Workshop on cooperative development for the elimination of child labour conducted in Mali



The ILO organized a training of trainers (ToT) on cooperative development in Bamako, Mali from 21 June to 2 July 2021. The ToT was carried out as part of joint activities undertaken by ILO’s projects in Mali: “CLEAR Cotton - Eliminating child labour and forced labour in the cotton, textile and garment value chains: an integrated approach ” co-funded by the European Union and implemented in collaboration with FAO; “ACCEL Africa - “Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa” seeking to eliminate child labour through targeted actions in

the cocoa, cotton, gold, coffee and tea supply chains in 6 countries and funded by the Government of the Netherlands; and “Promoting principles and rights at work in the cotton supply chain project” funded by INDITEX.

Links : [https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/cooperatives/news/WCMS\\_817881/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/cooperatives/news/WCMS_817881/lang--en/index.htm)

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## 'Developing Rural Ireland' - A History of the Irish Agricultural Advisory Services



Developing Rural Ireland is a history of the Irish agricultural advisory services. The book written by Dr. Micheál Ó Fathartaigh documents the important role of the advisory services in rural Ireland from the early 1900s to the current day.

The book will be officially launched by Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD. The author will also be interviewed.

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/national-events/events/developing-rural-ireland.php>

## Today is Farm Worker Appreciation Day, where Kiwis are encouraged to pay tribute to the dedicated workers on our farms.

DairyNZ general manager responsible dairy Jenny Cameron says Farm Worker Appreciation Day provides the opportunity to celebrate the success, dedication, and contribution of our farmers.

“Our farmers undertake a lot of work on farms throughout the country, every day of the year. It’s not an easy job, but it’s an incredibly important and rewarding role our dairy farmers play for New Zealand - caring for animals and the environment, while providing around 140 countries with highly nutritious food,” says Ms Cameron.

“This year they have also been faced with many challenges, including natural disasters, and a workforce shortage worsened due to COVID-19 border restrictions, while many of our international employees on farm continue to be separated from their families.”

The on-farm success of our farmers results in around \$20 billion in export value, while employing around 50,000 people on and off farm.

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/celebrate-dairy-farmers-this-farm-worker-appreciation-day/>

## Labor concerns plaguing U.S. agriculture

Access to labor was a concern for Ohio’s food and agriculture sectors before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic which brought more volatility to the food supply chain. Now, the challenges with labor have only gotten worse.

In April 2021, the federal government moved to bolster the available labor supply in the U.S. by increasing the number of available H-2B (non-agricultural) visas, in part to help with the challenges of labor agriculture and the nation’s food supply chain. In May, the Departments of Labor and Homeland Security published a joint temporary final rule making available an additional 22,000 H-2B temporary non-agricultural guest worker visas for fiscal year 2021 to employers who are likely to suffer irreparable harm without these additional workers. Of the supplemental visas, 6,000 are reserved for nationals of the Northern Triangle countries of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Links : <https://ocj.com/2021/07/labor-concerns-plaguing-u-s-agriculture/>

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