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The hidden jobs engine: unleashing the potential of agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa

A common misunderstanding persists about job creation in Africa. Many envision cities as the epicenters of economic opportunity. Yet for millions in Sub-Saharan Africa, the path to decent work still winds through agriculture.



Un atlas statistique de l'agriculture européenne

Dans une pré-publication à paraître dans la revue Earth System Science Data, des chercheurs présentent une série de cartes élaborées à partir des données du recensement agricole européen de 2020. Les variables représentées correspondent aux... L'article Un atlas statistique de l'agriculture européenne est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



SOBER e IAWA discutem parceria para fortalecer a colaboração internacional

No dia 6 de maio de 2025, representantes da diretoria da SOBER e da IAWA (International Association on Work in Agriculture) se reuniram virtualmente para discutir possibilidades de colaboração e..



Travail collectif en cuma : la stratégie de la cuma au Giee

Découvrez le travail collectif de la cuma et l'intégration de certains adhérents au GIEE (groupement d'intérêt économique et environnemental).

Congress

CGIAR at 8th KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference: Shaping Pathways to Future Jobs: Unlocking Opportunities for the Youth

This Event was cross posted from the CGIAR Gender Impact Platform Join the CGIAR Policy Innovation Science Program and CGIAR Gender Equality and Inclusion (GENDER) Accelerator at the 8th KIPPRA Annual Regional Conference from 21st - 23rd May 2025 in Nairobi as we contribute to key conversations on youth employment, gender inclusion, human capital, and [...]



Séminaire de restitution de l'APR « Nouveaux actifs agricoles »

En 2024, le Centre d'études et de prospective (CEP) du ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire a lancé un appel à projets de recherche sur la thématique « Les nouveaux actifs agricoles : portraits socio-démographiques, trajectoires, insertions ». Cinq projets ont été financés par cet APR et se sont achevés début 2025. Ce séminaire a pour objectif d'en restituer les principaux résultats et de les discuter.



Pré-programme du 58° congrès de la SELF

Le pré-programme du 58ème congrès de la SELF est en ligne ! Découvrez dès maintenant les premières thématiques, les intervenant-e-s et les temps forts de ce congrès. N'oubliez pas de vous inscrire et de profiter du tarif préférentiel avant le 1er juin. Retrouvez également toutes les informations pratiques sur l'accès [...] Cet article Pré-programme du 58° congrès de la SELF est apparu en premier sur Société d'ergonomie de langue ...



Ouverture, Aujourd'hui à Tunis, du 2e congrès des ouvrières agricoles : Unies pour un travail digne et décent !

Les ouvrières agricoles, cette catégorie sociale vivant dans la précarité, n'ont cessé de compter leurs morts et blessés sur le chemin des champs, et même sur le lieu de travail. Gagner son pain à la sueur de son front est un calvaire au quotidien. La Presse — A Sidi Bouzid, Kairouan, Bizerte et dans bien ...

Cuarta Circular del 17º Congreso ASET

La Asociación Argentina de Especialistas en Estudios del Trabajo (ASET) tiene el agrado de anunciar que durante 2025 tendrá lugar el 17º Congreso Nacional de Estudios del Trabajo. El mismo se desarrollará del 6 al 8 de agosto en la Facultad de Ciencias Económicas de la Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). En la 4ta Circular [...]



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[Prenez date] Forum Santé et sécurité au travail des salariés travaillant dans les exploitations agricoles

Les 8 et 9 juillet 2025 se tiendra à Bordeaux un forum sur la santé et la sécurité au travail des salariés de l'agriculture en France car les salariés constituent une large proportion de la main-d'œuvre de l'agriculture française. Ce forum associera une diversité d'acteurs professionnels, syndicaux, associatifs et de chercheurs de différentes disciplines. L'objectif est de permettre aux participants de se rencontrer, d'échanger ...



[Pause travail] Organisation et conditions de travail dans la filière rizicole du Ghana : quels enseignements pour créer des emplois décents et attractifs ?

Un nombre croissant de jeunes arrivent chaque année sur le marché du travail en Afrique subsaharienne. Alors que les emplois dans l'industrie ne progressent que lentement, le secteur agro-alimentaire reste le principal pourvoyeur d'emplois. Le riz est une culture stratégique pour la sécurité alimentaire dans de nombreux pays d'Afrique subsaharienne mais sa capacité à créer des emplois décents et attractifs est rarement considérée. Des travaux menés au Ghana par des équipes de l'ISSER, du Cirad et d'INRAE ont cherché à rendre compte de la diversité des formes d'organisation du travail, et des ressentis des travailleurs sur leurs conditions de travail dans des exploitations rizicoles et des unités de décorticage du riz, à partir d'enquêtes Quaework d'une part et d'enquêtes conditions de travail perçues d'autre part. Chefs d'exploitation ou de meunerie, aides familiaux, salariés permanents et temporaires ont ainsi été interviewés. Dans quelle mesure la filière rizicole permet-elle de créer des emplois décents et attractifs ? Venez échanger avec Pierre Girard (Cirad), Nathalie Hostiou (INRAE) et Benoit Dedieu (INRAE).

Call for Papers



(Dossiê) Revolução Tecnológica: Desafios para a Ergonomia e Fatores Humanos

A Revista Ação Ergonômica convida pesquisadores(as) e profissionais da área a submeterem artigos para o dossiê temático: "Revolução...



Repenser les transformations sociales en Afrique : États des lieux, dynamiques et innovations

Le colloque international en hommage au professeur Abdou Salam Fall vise à célébrer l'œuvre d'un sociologue dont la production a marqué les sciences sociales en Afrique, au cours des trente dernières années. À la fois empirique et théorique, les écrits du Pr. Abdou Salam Fall ont marqué de leur empreinte les recherches sur l'économie sociale et solidaire, sur le religieux, sur les dynamiques d'urbanisation, sur les migrations i...

Publications

Assessing the future of work in fisheries: A multi-criteria participatory approach from Spain

Source: OCEAN & COASTAL MANAGEMENT 267 (), 12 DOI: 10.1016/j.ocemoaman.2025.107749 Abstract: The fishing industry is facing significant transformations due to technological advances, economic, historical and socio-political factors that impact productivity and labor demand. Despite the economic growth of the sector, fishermen have not always improved their welfare, facing challenges such as overfishing, inequality and globalization. This study assesses the future of work in fisheries through a multi-criteria participatory approach in Spain, ...

Digiwork: how agriculture 4.0 is changing work for farm advisers

Advisers are commonly involved in supporting farmers navigate the smart farming transition, however their experiences in such roles, and any changes to their working lives, has not received a great deal of empirical attention. Knowledge about these changes would enable greater anticipation of disruptions to advisory work and help support strategies to maintain and build advisory capacity. This is important for stakeholders seeking to strengthen the advisory system as part of the Agriculture 4.0 era. This paper reports on a study of advisers in the UK and Australia who work with farmers in implementing Smart Farming Technologies (SFTs), to examine the ways in which their work is changing. Changes to the work of advisers is a less explored topic within smart farming yet is an important aspect to the way the Agriculture 4.0 is unfolding.

The changing values of the US farm workers' legal status and labor quality adjustment: A hedonic price analysis

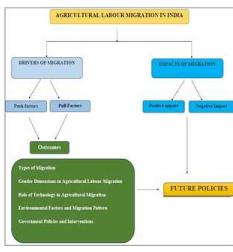
The humans behind the herd: are alternative livestock farms agroecological from a socioeconomic perspective?

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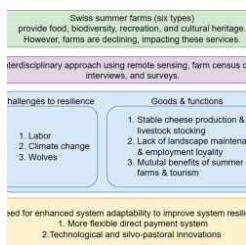
Inde : productivité du travail des femmes en agriculture

Dans son numéro de mars 2025, l'American Journal of Agricultural Economics consacre un article aux conséquences des inégalités de genre dans le travail agricole en Inde. Des études antérieures ont noté des écarts de productivité du travail,... L'article Inde : productivité du travail des femmes en agriculture est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Labour migration in Indian agriculture: Patterns, drivers and consequences—A systematic review

Approximately 45 % of the global population resides in rural areas, where agriculture, including livestock, accounts for 28 % of worldwide employment. Despite these notable figures, substantial structural shifts have occurred in the agricultural sector in recent decades, influencing employment and labour dynamics. Rapidly growing economies, such as India, are anticipated to witness an increasing disparity in living standards between rural and urban areas, resulting in heightened migration from rural to urban regions. In India, labour migration is significantly influenced by social structures and development patterns. Uneven development, intensified by factors like unemployment, low rural wages, agricultural challenges, insufficient industrial support, poverty, limited job opportunities and natural disasters, is the primary driver behind migration. This paper aims to provide an in-depth analysis of the current literature, presenting a systematic review and thematic analysis of the evolving landscape of agricultural labour migration. It examines the drivers, challenges and socioeconomic impacts of migration, addressing aspects like the feminization of agriculture, diverse types of agricultural migration, the role of technology and the impact of government policies on employment. The study emphasizes the importance of future policy considerations in this domain.



Resilience of Swiss summer farms: An interdisciplinary analysis of key challenges and adaptations

Summer farms in Switzerland provide a broad bundle of ecosystem services to society: they produce ruminant-based food, provide areas of recreation and biodiversity conservation, and are an important part of mountain cultural heritage and tourism. However, the activity of these farms is declining, with mostly negative implications for the services they provide.

Le travail soutenable: exploration des exigences d'une approche sociale-écologique du travail - Revue internationale du travail

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Policy for Decent Work in Agriculture

The agricultural sector offers employment for a large share (1%) of the global population, yet there are various employment challenges, including precarious working conditions and labor market frictio...

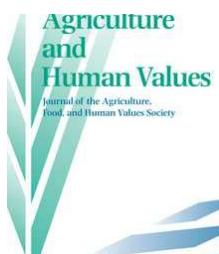
Why is there a shortage of agricultural labor in Algeria? Evidence from M'zirâa, southern Algeria's leading vegetable market

The amplification of labor shortages has become an inescapable reality for many Algerian farmers in recent years. To study this issue, systemic surveys were conducted in 125 farms in the vegetable crops pole of M'zirâa (southern Algeria). A labor shortage is reported on 56.80% of farms. The primary causes, as identified by respondents, are poor working and living conditions (76.67%) and low wages, which are considered insufficient by both workers and new settlers (70.67%). On the other hand, employment opportunities in the tertiary sector offer more interesting incomes compared to agricultural activity, which is becoming less remunerative and less attractive. Furthermore, the employment policies help the unemployed to create their micro-enterprises (78.67%). However, human capital (62.67%), personal behavior (76.00%) and the socio-economic situation of the young workforce (55.33%) explain their negative work perception of work in agriculture. The logistic regression results show that remuneration and incentives, employment opportunities and youth personal behavior affect significantly the likelihood of a labor shortage. Policymakers should focus on improving labor conditions, incentivizing wages, and promoting labor-saving technologies to address agricultural labor shortages and enhance the sector's appeal, particularly for youth.

Omitting labor responses underestimates the effects of future heat stress on agriculture

Source: COMMUNICATIONS EARTH & ENVIRONMENT 6 (1), 9 DOI:10.1038/s43247-025-02318-

Abstract: Agricultural labor is highly vulnerable to heat stress. However, existing studies exploring the impacts of future weather conditions on agriculture have primarily focused on crop yields, often overlooking the effects on labor. Here, we incorporate labor response to heat stress into an established model-coupling framework to examine the effects of future weather conditions on agricultural market dynamics, considering both biophysical crop yield ...



"If I feel like I am in danger, I leave": pesticide exposure, agentic strategies, and gender among Latine farmworkers in Idaho

Pesticide exposure is a common occupational hazard for Latine farmworkers laboring in the United States, causing harm to farmworkers' wellbeing and the wellbeing of their families and communities. While existing scholarly literature documents various issues related to occupational pesticide exposure for farmworkers, limited research has centered on farmworkers' voices to understand their views on pesticides, including the degree ...

How the Labor Mobility Impact Farmers' Sustainable Livelihoods in Mountainous Regions: Evidence from Qinling-Daba Mountains, China

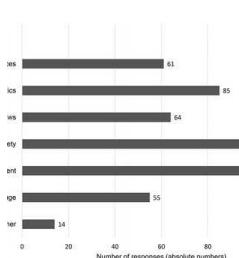
Source: CHINESE GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE 35 (3), 18 DOI:10.1007/s11769-025-1512-7

Abstract: To reduce poverty and promote sustainable development in rural areas, it is crucial to explore the impact of labor mobility on the sustainable livelihoods in mountainous regions. Here, based on a questionnaire survey of farmers and in-depth interview data in the area of the Qinling-Daba Mountains of China in 2021, we analyzed the characteristics of labor mobility, with livelihood capital as the entry point, discussed the impact of labor mobility on farmers' ...

Informal workers in the rural sector in Colombia: Living conditions and social security

Source: REGIONAL SCIENCE POLICY AND PRACTICE 17 (8), 10 DOI:10.1016/j.rspp.2025.100200

Abstract: The existence of a high percentage of informal labour has a direct impact on the living conditions of millions of people and their families, especially in rural areas and developing countries. The implications of this problem present a challenge for public policy on employment, social security and business activity. Taking advantage of the wealth of microdata from the Great Integrated Household Survey (of national representation), our research ...



From farm to table: uncovering narratives of agency and responsibility for change among actors along agri-food value chains in Germany

Given the complex nature of agri-food value chains and related sustainability challenges, the question arises who has the agency and responsibility to address these challenges and facilitate systemic change. We address this question through a mixed method approach and examine experiences with agriculture among different actors along the agricultural value chains in Germany. Based on this, we explore how various actors make sense ...



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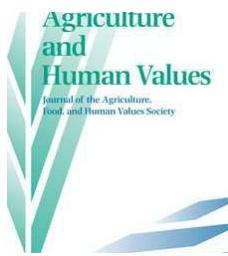
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Deciphering arable farmers' intentions: Attitudes, norms, perceived advantages, and the influential role of group discussions on insect frass adoption

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"Move forward": A marginalia analysis of farmers' mental health management strategies

Human health in agriculture is essential to the sustainability of the field. Mental health of people who work in agriculture has been concerning to community members, researchers, and practitioners as suicide rates have been higher than the general population. This study involved surveys of agricultural producers about their mental health, barriers to accessing care, farming experience, and demographic information. In total, n = 67 surveys were returned with comments or markings outside of the structure of the survey (marginalia). We conducted ...



Land access among immigrant Latinx workers and farmers in the United States: racialization, invisibility, and possibilities for reform

This article looks at the conditions and challenges for immigrant Latinx workers and farmers in accessing farmland in the United States. As white farmers retire in large numbers, and competing interests look to buy up swaths of American farmland for consolidation, investment, and development, newer groups of farmers struggle with finding and purchasing land at affordable prices. In the context of this land market affordability ...



Vulnerabilidad y registració laboral en el agro argentino

Si bien existe suficiente evidencia basada en exámenes cuantitativos y en estudios de caso acerca de la presencia generalizada de situaciones de empleo agrícola no...

Probable Suicide Among Men in Farming and Agricultural-Related Occupations in the Republic of Ireland: Exploring Coronial Data

Globally, suicide is presented as a significant concern within agricultural communities. However, there is little information on farmer suicide in the Republic of Ireland to guide the development of suicide prevention interventions. To address this gap, the present study used coronial data to determine whether males identified as "farmers" or "agricultural workers" (combined to form a single group named "farmers") have higher suicide incidence rates than non-farmers. It also examined the characteristics that differentiate suicide among ...

Understanding farmer mental health and wellbeing in a volatile, isolating, and misunderstood industry

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