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News

Fatal accidents involving livestock rise 7% nationwide

Fatal accidents involving livestock account for 21% of all farm fatalities over the last 10 years – up from 14% in the previous 10 years. In the most recent period to 2024, 36% of these fatalities were associated with cattle, 31% with bulls and 25% with cows with calves. Teagasc National Farm Survey (NFS) farm accident data shows a disturbing trend. Over the last 20 years, livestock-related injuries have increased from 27% to 47% of all reported farm accidents. The most recent NFS survey indicated that 62% of accidents on drystock and ...



Gender in Agrifood Systems Policies (GASP) Program Launch

On June 23, 2025, AWARD launched the Gender in Agrifood Systems Policies (GASP) Program, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at promoting gender-responsive policies to foster equitable and resilient agrifood systems across Africa. The launch also marked the onboarding of 50 mid-career African women policy professionals from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, and Zambia [...] The post Gender in Agrifood ...

Underreporting injuries hampers farm safety

As part of the EU-funded SafeHabitat project, Teagasc researchers completed research highlighting statistical limitations of currently available data and proposing farm safety variables for inclusion in the annual EU Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) survey. The research team leveraged Teagasc's National Farm Survey's 20 years of experience collecting such data to demonstrate tangible benefits for policy development.

Toutes les astuces - Déclic travail

Avec Déclic travail, repensez, observez, sensibilisez-vous à vos conditions et organisations du travail et découvrez les pistes d'amélioration qui vous ressemblent. Quelle que soit votre production, faites le point sur vos conditions de travail et découvrez de nouvelles solutions pour les améliorer, avec conseils et témoignages à l'appui.

Annie Genevard lance une consultation citoyenne sur la place des femmes en agriculture

Annie Genevard, ministre de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté alimentaire, s'est rendue dans l'exploitation de Madame Séverine Couvreur à Rilly-la-Montagne dans la Marne ce lundi matin pour une visite sur la place des femmes en agriculture. À cette occasion, la ministre a annoncé le lancement d'une consultation citoyenne sur cet enjeu. La ministre a souhaité échanger avec une quinzaine d'agricultrices et recueillir leurs témoignages et propositions.



Jeunes éleveurs bovins finalistes de Graines d'agriculteurs

Tel est l'objectif des quatre jeunes éleveuses de bovins, finalistes du concours Graines d'agriculteurs 2025. Elles ont adopté un « système simple et naturel » en maximisant le pâturage et en recherchant l'autonomie alimentaire.



- « Sans la transformation laitière, impossible de m'installer »

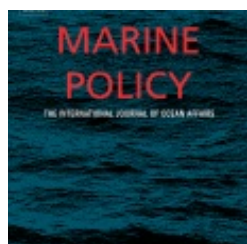
« Sans la transformation laitière, impossible de m'installer » Parce qu'elle améliore la viabilité économique de la ferme et la vivabilité du métier d'éleveur, la transformation laitière peut sécuriser l'installation de jeunes producteurs en élevage bovin lait et en leur permettant, comme Killian Liger et Thibaud Meunier, de financer plus facilement leur projet. Sans elle, Killian se demande même s'il aurait pu reprendre l'exploitation ...

Call for Papers

Health, Agriculture and Food in Island Territories: Ecological, Political and Social Issues

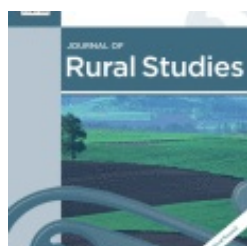
This dossier aims to examine the specific configurations of island agri-food systems through an interdisciplinary approach combining geography, sociology, anthropology, public health, political ecology and political science. It focuses equally on agricultural policies and social practices, representations and conflicts of use, and the knowledge circulating in island agricultural communities. It welcomes contributions on all island territories, whether French-speaking or not, independent or not, in a postcolonial or dependent context.

Publications



Decent work in fishing in a changing climate

Climate change will increasingly impact the working conditions of employed fishers, who work in the most hazardous occupation in a sector already at high risk for forced labor and other decent work deficits. However, in comparison to other sectors, there has been little attention afforded to how climate change will impact working conditions onboard industrial vessels. Although the absence of a well-organized workforce makes it ...



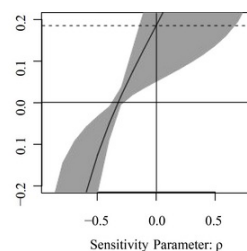
A narrative study of why young people go 'back-to-the-land': Interpretation from the perspective of self-identity theory - ScienceDirect

In recent years, some Chinese youth have voluntarily engaged in back-to-the-land migration. Although existing studies focus on structural push-pull fa...



Credit accessibility and labour allocation decisions of workers in rural India

Purpose. This study examines the causal effect of formal credit access on labour allocation decisions in rural India, both at the extensive (workforce participation) and intensive (total working days) margins. It also explores heterogeneity between credit-constrained and unconstrained workers, along with variations by gender and landownership. Design/methodology/approach. We use a sample of rural households from the second round ...



Can working in agriculture have a favorable effect on depressive symptoms? Life satisfaction as a mediator | PLOS One

Purpose Several studies have explored the relationship between various aspects of work and the onset of depressive symptoms. However, there is a lack of research focusing on the association between job types and depressive symptoms. This study aims to investigate the impact of agricultural work on depressive symptoms and whether life satisfaction mediates this relationship. Methods Data were obtained from the 2015 China Health ...

Who is an American farmer? Who counts in American agriculture?

Ackerman, Jerry, and Ted Riecken. 1964. Development of economic criteria for classifying farms. *Journal of Farm Economics* 46(5):1232–1237. Google Scholar Associated Press. 1995. Change in Census Survey Definition Could Halve the Number of U.S. Farms. *New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/1995/12/26/us/change-in-census-survey-definition-could-halve-the-number-of-usfarms.html>. Accessed 7 July 2025. Bachman, K. L., J. C. Ellickson, W. D. Goodsell, and Ray Hurley. 1948. Appraisal of the economic classification ...



Labour and Land in Indonesia: An Introduction

ABSTRACT This article provides a reflective overview of Indonesian agrarian history, contemporary agrarian dynamics and the growing field of Indonesian agrarian studies. By charting the evolution of the field and highlighting landmark studies, it traces the work and influence of both foreign researchers and the lesser known tradition of agrarian political economy by Indonesian scholars. In doing so, it highlights compelling themes ...

'Stres' and self-protection: Migrant workers facing everyday violence in Taiwan's fisheries

Source:INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY (),19 DOI:10.1177/02685809251359270Abstract: ["This article discusses the sensory, affective, and emotional dimensions of 'dirty' and socially devalued manual labor performed by migrant workers. It examines Taiwan's fisheries as a case study, building on 2 years of fieldwork among Indonesian migrant workers. As an entry point to the analysis, I use migrant fishers' expressions of 'stres' - the Indonesian term for the English word 'stress'. I explore how Indonesian fishers experience their everyday labor and ...

Artificial intelligence development and rural labor employment quality

This paper aims to explore the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) development on the employment quality of rural labor and its underlying mechanisms. Based on panel data from 30 Chinese provinces from 2008 to 2022, the empirical analysis finds that AI development significantly enhances the employment quality of rural labor. Mechanism analysis reveals that AI improves employment quality by providing rural labor with more convenient learning and training opportunities, thereby enhancing skill levels and increasing job competitiveness. ...

Farm Guest Workers: US Experience

Source:ASIA & THE PACIFIC POLICY STUDIES12 (3),12 DOI:10.1002/app5.70035Abstract:The US was one of the first countries to develop farm guest worker programs with Bracero programs during WWI and WWII outside regular immigration laws, followed by the H-2(A) farm guest worker programme included in immigration law in the 1950s. The US tried to legalise the farm workforce in the mid-1980s, but wound up spreading unauthorized workers throughout US agriculture and the nonfarm economy. Fewer unauthorized farm workers arrived after the 2008-09 ...

Less is more? Differences of social impacts on farm workers in short/long agricultural supply chains in Spain

Source:JOURNAL OF RURAL STUDIES 119 (), , 11 DOI:10.1016/j.jrurstud.2025.103765Abstract:Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in Europe. Practices such as the use of pesticides, physically demanding tasks, and long working hours are more common than in other sectors. Health risks jeopardise the transition to sustainable agriculture, affecting the well-being of farmers and workers. Although the economic and environmental sustainability of development strategies adopted by farms to thrive (i.e., economies of scale or specialisation ...

Informal support for mental health in farming communities: Understanding the experiences of 'accidental counsellors'

Publication date: December 2025 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 120 Author(s): Rebecca Wheeler, Lucy Szaboova, Matt Lobley

Navigating Complex Family and Social Support Systems Following an Agricultural Injury: A Qualitative Study of the True Burden of Injury

Objectives Farm injuries impact more than the farmer, they affect family members, the community, and the local economy. In the Northeastern United States, while technology has improved safety measures significantly, rates of agricultural injuries, and fatalities are still very high. **Methods** In this study, we spoke with farmers who experienced a traumatic work injury as well as farm-support professionals to better understand the burden of agricultural injuries on the farmer and those closest to them. Interviews were recorded, transcribed, ...

Migration as a Global Labour Supply System

The Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) is a circular migration scheme in which workers migrate from Mexico and the Caribbean on a temporary basis to fill the labour gaps in the agricultural sector throughout Canada. The Okanagan Valley in British Columbia (B.C) where this study is situated, is one of the many regions workers migrate to. Here workers fall victim to numerous forms of exploitation and abuse as a result of the specific program structure and employer practices. This study examines the structural state of vulnerability ...

Pesticide safety training to promote sustainable practices among French tree fruit and fresh vegetable farmers: A pre-post intervention survey

Reducing pesticide exposure in agricultural activities remains a major challenge, particularly for crops that rely heavily on pesticides, such as fruits and vegetables. Integrated pest management technology requires a strong safety culture to effectively reduce pesticide use. The aim of this study is to assess the impact of mandatory safety training on the knowledge and perceptions of pesticide use among French fruit and vegetable farmers and farm workers.

Evolving Farm and Off-Farm Income Sources and Jobs in Rural Africa

Livelihood sources in rural Africa are diverse and dynamic. Using recent primary survey data from four African countries— Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia—we consider regions with different conditions related to climate, agroecology, infrastructure and nature conservation to analyse the role of various income sources for households and individuals. Although most rural households are involved in small-scale farming, we challenge the conventional notion that own agricultural activities still constitute the main source of income. On average, ...

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Agriculture is an economic sector with a high accident rate. Working on a farm requires acquiring knowledge, skills and experience in various fields. The specificity of this industry leads to many health and life hazards and a high risk of accidents. Farmers work in different positions, depending on what is produced on the farm. They operate machinery and equipment, as well as perform maintenance and repairs, participate in transport and storage processes, take care of farm animals, perform agricultural technical and chemical treatments ...

Relation of changes in productivity and remuneration of the labor factor in agriculture in EU Member States

Source:PLOS ONE20 (8),,18 DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0328984Abstract:The article investigates whether labor productivity serves as a source for financing remuneration and whether productivity growth is adequate to support the corresponding increase in compensation within the agricultural sector. The analysis is grounded in the producer's equilibrium, Clark's marginal productivity theory, and the Lewis model. We utilized constant price data from the Economic Accounts for Agriculture across all EU Member States for the 2010-2022 period, en...

Musculoskeletal pain, fatigue and their association with quality of life and mental health among poultry farm workers - an observational study

Source:WORK-A JOURNAL OF PREVENTION ASSESSMENT & REHABILITATION (),,8

DOI:10.1177/10519815251363552Abstract:Background: Poultry industry is vital to the Indian economy, significantly contributing to agriculture and providing lowcost animal protein. India ranks third globally in egg production, with southern states like Tamil Nadu, a major hub for egg and broiler production. Workers in poultry farms face serious health hazards because of their physically demanding jobs, which include handling heavy loads and performing repetitive motions. ...