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Alertes sur le « mal-être des éleveurs », réunis pour le Space à Rennes

Alertes sur le « mal-être des éleveurs », réunis pour le Space à Rennes « Il faut écouter le mal-être des éleveurs sur les crises sanitaires », ont lancé les organisateurs du Salon international de l'élevage (Space) à la ministre de l'agriculture sortante Annie Genevard, finalement présente à l'inauguration mardi, à quelques jours de nouvelles mobilisations agricoles.

From Numbers to Narrative: In Pursuit of Gendered Data to Transform Nigeria's Aquaculture

Aquaculture is vital to food and nutrition security, economic empowerment, and employment for millions globally. However, its benefits are not evenly distributed in households between men and women due to gender-based constraints that limit maximum returns. "For decades now, Nigerian value chain analyses have connoted 'household head' as a single unit", a challenge that glosses [...] The post From Numbers to Narrative: In Pursuit of Gendered Data to Transform Nigeria's Aquaculture first appeared on AWARD.

Calving cows, hidden dangers: Share your story, shape farm safety

The 2022 Teagasc National Farm Survey states that over 50% of all farming accidents involved livestock, with incidents involving 'calving cows' being the most common. Close to 80% of on-farm accidents needed medical attention, with almost 50% being admitted to hospital for an average of 3 days. Only one in five people didn't require medical attention following a farming workplace accident (Teagasc, 2022). The cause of livestock injuries and fatalities are often linked to handling facilities and behaviour & attitudes towards risk when ...

Does small-scale irrigation affect women's time allocation? Insights from Ethiopia

Small-scale irrigation (SSI) interventions have received increasing attention as a potential pathway for women's empowerment in sub-Saharan Africa. One key aspect of women's empowerment that SSI can influence is women's time burden. Hypothesized benefits of SSI for women are less energy exertion and reduced labor in agriculture. Yet, these hypotheses have not been tested empirically. [...]

Generational renewal – why it matters

Ireland's agricultural sector is facing a significant generational challenge. The age profile of Irish farmers is heavily slanted towards older age groups, with over one-third of farm holders aged 65 and over, and less than 6% under 35. This ageing demographic and lack of generational renewal threatens the long-term sustainability and productivity of the sector. To ensure a vibrant future for Irish farming, a greater focus is needed on generation renewal, effective land transfer and succession planning. The Commission on Generation Renewal ...

Lessons on labour from the Aurivo Focus Farms

Dairy farmers are in a period of strong financial performance, however there is no hiding from the fact that it requires hard work. With long-term sustainability and generational renewal in mind, making work easier and more flexible is becoming increasingly important.

Nouveau rapport révèle des inégalités de genre persistantes dans les systèmes agroalimentaires d'Afrique subsaharienne, malgré la contribution des femmes qui représentent la moitié de la main-d'œuvre

Publié pour la première fois sur le site de la FAO. La FAO, le NRI et AWARD présentent de nouvelles données sur la situation des femmes dans les systèmes agroalimentaires d'Afrique subsaharienne 2 septembre 2025, Dakar – En Afrique subsaharienne, environ trois femmes sur quatre (76 pour cent) travaillent dans les systèmes agroalimentaires, et les [...] The post Nouveau rapport révèle des inégalités de genre persistantes dans les systèmes agroalimentaires d'Afrique subsaharienne, malgré la contribution des femmes qui représentent la moitié ...

New report exposes pervasive gender inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa's agrifood systems, despite women powering half the agrifood workforce

First published on the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) website. 02/09/2025 In sub-Saharan Africa, approximately three out of four working women (76 percent) are employed in agrifood systems, and women make up 49 percent of the agrifood systems workforce. Within agrifood systems, women's employment in off-farm segments – such as production, [...] The post New report exposes pervasive gender inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa's agrifood systems, despite women powering half the agrifood workforce first appeared ...

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Traditionally, migrant workers, particularly those in illegal situations face several constraints in getting decent agricultural jobs in countries where they settle. Rising tensions are now being witnessed with regard to the status of migrant workers in the farming and food sectors because of the emergence of policies, promoting protectionism and workers' mobility, within host countries. Hence, several questions are raising concerning the sustainability of activities necessitating important workforce interventions: milking cows in large ...



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Congrès 2026 de la Société d'ergonomie de langue française

La dernière édition du congrès Self est à peine terminée que déjà la prochaine se prépare ! Nous aurons le plaisir de nous retrouver à Nantes, du 23 au 25 septembre 2026. Le congrès portera sur le thème « Futur des activités humaines, réalité des situations de travail, réalité des transformations: [...] Cet article Congrès 2026 de la Société d'ergonomie de langue française est apparu en premier sur Société d'ergonomie de langue f...

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Appel à contributions du comité technique IEA « Genre et travail »

Le comité technique « Genre et travail » de l'Association internationale d'ergonomie a été créé pour promouvoir la prise en compte du genre en ergonomie. Ses objectifs sont: 1) d'améliorer la compréhension des interactions entre genre, sexe, recherche et pratique de l'ergonomie; 2) de renforcer la compréhension des questions de genre dans [...] Cet article Appel à contributions du comité technique IEA « Genre et travail » est apparu ...

Publications

Child work, care and neglect in farmworker homes: an empirical critique of Social Reproduction Theory

Source:INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY45 (13-14),,19 DOI:10.1108/IJSSP-03-2025-0208Abstract:PurposeThis article empirically critiques Social Reproduction Theory by examining schoolchildren's work in South African farmworker homes during employment hours and its relation to employment practices and residential conditions.Design/methodology/approachA longitudinal matched comparison case study design, with interview and observational data collected at three points over one year from 13 homes stratified by residence (farm ...

Local food-global labour: contradictions and tensions between farmers and migrant farmworkers and possibilities for solidarity in Canada

The corporate food regime and its labour imperativeThe current trajectory of migrant agricultural labour in Canada is not divorced from history nor from the wider systems underpinning global industrial agriculture and its logic of capital accumulation. The framework of food regimes, devised initially by Friedmann and McMichael (1989), provides a way to zoom out and view global agricultural supply chains, the circulation of food products and the flow of labour over time. Food regimes are defined as "stable periodic arrangements in the production ...



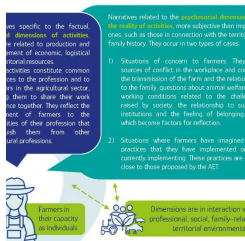
Labor reallocation in the heat: A comprehensive analysis in rural Bangladesh

This paper examines the impact of extreme heat on the sectoral reallocation of working-age adult male labor in rural Bangladesh using a three-period panel on individual employment. It shows that high temperatures prompt a labor shift from the non-agricultural to agricultural sectors, primarily in agricultural wage jobs. Variations in employment choices in the agricultural sector depend on household land ownership. Individuals in ...

Finance, Land and Labour

Health Concerns of Women in Agriculture in the Midwestern United States

Objective In 2022, the USDA Agricultural Census recognized that over one-third of agricultural producers in the United States were female. However, information on the health and safety needs of women working in agriculture is lacking. To help guide the direction of further research to understand the needs of women in agriculture, a brief survey was administered at a conference for agricultural women in the Midwest US. The goal was to understand the priority concerns and whether the concerns differed by age group or by occupational role...



Thinking of the agroecological transition as a psychosocial transition : Example of livestock farmers in Occitania - INRAE - Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement

The agroecological transition is not limited to technical and economic transformations. It calls for a paradigm shift that involves looking ahead to new innovative ways of producing and experiencing agriculture. It questions traditional practices and know how, and involves a far reaching redefinition of agricultural professions and activities

A Forest Runs Through It: Gendered Work and Forest Transformations in Mountain Java

Based on research in a montane forest region of East Java, this article shows how women's and men's work as forest subjects has changed with the changing of the forest and the politics of gendered labour on and off the forest. We examine three conjunctures in the past century when the montane forests were sequentially constituted as subsistence forests, plantation forests and remittance forests. Our narrative is guided by the notion of a locally and globally situated Plantation–Migration Nexus in each conjuncture. We explore the dynamic ...

Wildfires and Agricultural Worker Movement

Source: JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMISTS 12 (6), 34
DOI: 10.1086/733350 Abstract: We study the effect of wildfire smoke on farmworker labor outcomes in California. Using high-frequency individual-location data, we find that labor declines at both the extensive and intensive margins on days when fields are affected by wildfire smoke. On smoky days, the number of workers in a field is reduced by 17.51% and working hours are reduced by 23.12%, relative to days without smoke. Estimated effects are largest for ...

Resilient labour networks among female coffee pickers in Yunnan: a case study of self-organised rural cooperation

This study investigates how middle-aged and elderly left-behind women in Yunnan's coffee sector built self-organised networks to solve seasonal labour shortages. Using Xinzai Village as a case study, we identify three key mechanisms: (1) women form work groups through neighbourly ties and past collaborators rather than kinship; (2) community-based female organisers coordinate labour supply and demand while ensuring fair dealing; (3) cooperation is maintained through mutual trust, shared work norms, and reputation protection. These networks ...

Psychological health among livestock owners, the potential effect of large carnivores

Sustainable wildlife management should, amongst others, safeguard human health. This study concerns rural residents' perceived quality of life and the potential effect of large carnivores (LCs) on psychological health outcomes (life satisfaction, anxiety symptoms, and exhaustion). One group of rural residents that appears to be especially vulnerable when the number and range of LCs increase is sheep owners. 279 participants (rural residents without livestock n = 114, livestock owners without sheep n = 103, and sheep owners n = 62) completed ...

Impact of "localized" rural workforce on food production: based on a comprehensive analysis of three major markets

The return of rural labour has led to a rise in the 'localization' of work, which in turn has triggered changes in the structure of household labour. In the context of food security, the impact of this change on food production deserves attention. Analyzes the impact of 'localized' and 'non-localized' rural labour on food production using data from the 2020 China Rural Revitalization Survey (CRRS). The results show that: (1) 'localized' labour is more likely to promote food production than 'non-localized' labour. (2) 'localized' and '...

Iniqua Praxis: Social and criminal liability among caporali and agricultural entrepreneurs in the exploitation of irregular migrant farm workers

This article examines the distribution of social and criminal liability within the caporalato system by drawing on qualitative interviews with migrant farm workers, farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs, and caporali in southern Italy. It identifies three core dynamics: the "Search for Caporali," where entrepreneurs actively seek informal intermediaries; the "Creation of Caporali," where employers promote trusted workers into recruitment roles; and "Coercion and Collusion with Authorities," which deters reporting through intimidation and ...

Assessment of compliance level with the International Labor Organization child labour utilization regulation: Evidence from cassava farmers in Osogbo ADP Zone, Osun State, Nigeria

Investigating the compliance level of International Labor Organization (ILO) regulation on child labour use among cassava farming households in Osogbo ADP Zone, Osun State, Nigeria, the study determines the factors influencing child labour usage among cassava farmers in the study area. Using a multi-stage sampling procedure, 120 cassava farming households were randomly selected and interviewed. Data for the study were obtained using a structured questionnaire and analyzed using descriptive statistics and a logistic regression model. Considering ...

Impact of Sustainable Agricultural Practices on Labor Use Among Rice Farmers in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam

The Mekong Delta (MKD), Vietnam has achieved high rice productivity through rapid intensification. However, this progress has led to environmental degradation and adverse economic and health effects. To mitigate these challenges, sustainable agricultural practices (SAPs) have been promoted. While previous studies have examined SAPs' economic impacts on farmers, their labor implications remain underexplored. This study investigates how the adoption of SAPs affects labor requirements in rice production in Vietnam's MKD. Specifically, it ...

The impact of plot size and farm size on crop production: Evidence from mechanization and labor input perspectives

Promoting large-scale farmland operations has been widely regarded as a key strategy to enhance agricultural productivity and increase farmers' income in the process of agricultural modernization. However, the mechanisms and marginal effects of scale remain contested. This study examines both plot size and farm size, using micro-level data from 1415 maize-growing households across seven provinces in the China Rural Revitalization Survey organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. We construct regression models incorporating nonlinear ...