



What's up on work in agriculture?

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Interview with Christine Lagarde on the future of work and sustainable growth

Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund interviewed by Martin Murphy, Director of Communication of the ILO for the ILC Daily Show.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/video-news-releases/WCMS_710952/lang--en/index.htm

No social justice without decent work

Clearly, current efforts have not delivered convergent rising incomes among the world's workforce commensurate with the objective of balanced and sustainable growth.

ILO evidence points to significant distributive failures:

- Wealth is increasingly concentrated;
- The gap between richest and poorest is widening within countries;
- Labour's share of income has fallen in developed countries and remains well below the global average in developing countries;
- Gender inequalities persist;
- Inter-generational inequalities are accumulating;

And a large portion of the world's workforce is experiencing real wage stagnation.

So what can we do?

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_711966/lang--en/index.htm

Innovations for shrinking agricultural workforce - Farm and Dairy

A diminishing farm labor supply puts pressure on the agricultural sector to adopt new technologies for difficult-to-mechanize tasks.

The competitiveness of U.S. agriculture, as well as the welfare of farm workers and the communities in which they live, depends on how we as a society adapt to a new era of farm labor scarcity.

Technologies that were relatively inexpensive to develop and adopt have been in commercial use for many years.

The tightening of the farm labor supply today creates incentives to develop and adopt more challenging – and more expensive – labor-saving solutions.

Links : <https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/innovations-for-shrinking-agricultural-workforce/559991.html>

Tags : Rural Employment, Innovation

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Milking frequency is one way farmers are choosing to evolve, which is why DairyNZ has this month started research into the human, animal and production response of milking three times in two days (3-in-2). Flexible Milking for Healthier People and Cows is a three-year project, led by DairyNZ and funded by \$499,536 from the Sustainable Farming Fund and \$306,914 from the DairyNZ levy.

Project goals

Farmers and advisers will have the confidence to adopt, optimise, and support the use of 3-in-2 milking.

Enhanced wellbeing (less hours spent working on farm and greater flexibility).

Increased economic sustainability of farming businesses using 3-in-2 milking (through people and cow health).

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/latest-news/is-3-in-2-milking-worth-adopting/>

Tags : Health and decent work, Work organisation