



What's up on work in agriculture?

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Coronavirus Covid 19 farm business update 12 Mar 2020

Dairy Australia aims to ensure farmers, their families, staff and communities are safe and well as the situation around COVID-19 evolves. The dairy industry has a dedicated group which is actively monitoring the situation and meeting regularly to manage the impact for dairy farmers and the wider industry. How can I manage the impact of COVID-19 on my farm business?

Dairy farmers have a number of options to prepare their business and make contingency plans.

Farmers can consider:

- Protecting your staff from exposure - consider international visitors, people returning from overseas from at risk areas, and consider self-isolation if staff unwell.
- Potential impacts on your business and ability to operate.
- Operating with limited labour due to staff having to self-isolate following travel or closure of schools or childcare
- What goods (e.g. chemicals) do you rely on to keep your business going in the coming three to four months.

Contact suppliers to secure goods or source alternatives.

- At this point the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Australian Veterinary Association indicated there is

no evidence that livestock can contract or spread the disease.

Links : <https://www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/announcements/coronavirus-update>

Up to 24.7 million jobs could be lost globally due to COVID-19 pandemic, says ILO

Up to 24.7 million jobs could be lost globally due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to the International Labour Organization. Guy Ryder, ILO director-general, lays out steps businesses could be taking now to protect workers.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/ilo-in-the-media/WCMS_739036/lang-en/index.htm

Livestock route mapping for improved health of humans, animals and the environment

Pastoralism is an effective and productive livelihood system that makes the best use of variably distributed natural resources in often dry rangeland areas where it has a particularly strong comparative advantage over other land uses. In order to function well, pastoralists and their livestock need to move across the rangeland landscape to access grazing, browse, water and minerals as well as services such as markets. Any intervention that seeks to assist pastoralists needs to understand these movements and how best to support them.

The One Health Units for Humans, Environment, Animals and Livelihoods (HEAL) project applies a One Health approach to human health, animal health and the environment, because they are all connected.

Links : <https://news.ilri.org/2020/03/20/livestock-route-mapping-for-improved-health-of-humans-animals-and-the-environment/>

Disability Inclusion in COVID-19 responses in the World of Work

Facilitated by the ILO Global Business and Disability Network, all interested stakeholders, including governments, workers' and employers' organisations as well as organisations of persons with disabilities participated in a webinar to share good practices on the inclusion of people with disabilities in the COVID-19 responses related to the World of Work.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/disability-and-work/WCMS_739022/lang--en/index.htm

New Release: Enhancing Youth Employment Opportunities in Rural Economies in Ethiopia

This report aims to examine the youth employment conditions in rural Ethiopia and to assess the performance of the rural youth employment creation initiatives. The reports also address untapped youth employment opportunities and the reasons as to why they remain untapped in rural areas. We conducted key informant interviews and collected primary data from 626 respondents living in rural areas of the two most populous regions in Ethiopia. Two-third of the respondents were beneficiaries of government youth employment initiatives while the rest of them were the youth registered as unemployed. The beneficiaries were primarily selected from the Youth Revolving Fund program, a government youth employment creation initiative that provides fund and capacity building training's for the youth to create self-employed jobs.

Links : <https://agrinatura-eu.eu/2020/03/new-release-enhancing-youth-employment-opportunities-in-rural-economies-in-ethiopia/>

Tags : Rural Employment, Youth

Dairy Industry COVID 19 Directory

This directory of services does not seek to reproduce information available from responsible state and federal government agencies or other organisations, instead links to all relevant sources of information, acting as a single point of reference for dairy industry participants.

The directory includes information for people working on farm, working with farm businesses and many other topics including national restrictions and border closes, farm bio-security and guidelines for milk collections (amongst others).

Note: COVID-19 has impacted on working holiday visas - stay up to date with the latest information at home affairs website

The information features Q&A's, fact sheets and posters you can use on your farm.

Links : <https://www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/announcements/dairy-industry-covid-19-directory>

Why International Labour Standards matter in a public health crisis

The International Labour Organization maintains a system of international labour standards aimed at promoting opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and dignity. In the context of the crisis response to the COVID-19 outbreak, they

provide a tried-and-trusted foundation for policy responses that focus on a recovery that is sustainable and equitable.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_740023/lang--en/index.htm

Podcast on poverty alleviation in cocoa, coffee and tea supply chains

Yuca Waarts, senior researcher, sustainable value chain development, Wageningen University talks with Ian Welsh about the challenges developing living incomes for smallholder farmers and plantation workers.

She points out that the interventions that can make a difference for coffee, tea and cocoa production aren't necessarily the same, with many factors impacting income levels, and argues that for many smallholders finding a way out of poverty is impossible with ever-smaller farm sizes. However, business can still help.

Links : <https://agrinatura-eu.eu/2020/03/podcast-on-poverty-alleviation-in-cocoa-coffee-and-tea-supply-chains/>

Youth employment trends analysed in new ILO global report

A new report on youth employment will be published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on Monday 9 March 2020.

The study looks at a wide range of issues faced by young people who are both in, or seeking to enter, the labour market. These include education trends, the situation of those who are not in employment, education or training (so-called NEETs), and the impact of automation.

The Global Employment Trends for Youth 2020: Technology and the future of jobs (GET Youth 2020) will be launched on Monday 9 March at 21.00

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_736979/lang--en/index.htm

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