



What's up on work in agriculture?

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Safety at calving time - Teagasc

As we enter a busy period on many farms with calving occurring we should always take account of safety. A quarter of Irish farm accidents and one fifth of farm deaths are livestock related. Attacks by recently calved cows are a common cause of such accidents. Enda Geoghegan, Teagasc Advisor has more

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/beef/safety-at-calving-time.php>

Tags : Health and decent work

Safety Tips when Handling Fertiliser - Teagasc

Fertiliser spreading season is upon us and so health and safety must always be a priority. Teagasc Health and Safety Specialist, Francis Bligh, looks at the actions that can be taken to prevent injury when handling fertiliser.

Links : <https://www.teagasc.ie/news--events/daily/other/safety-tips-when-handling-fertiliser.php>

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Improving safety and health in global supply chains vital for development

Every year, more than 2.7 million people worldwide die from injuries or illnesses due to work that they do or have done. Deaths that happened simply because they went to work to support themselves and their families. It's like a permanent pandemic.

What's even more tragic is that these deaths are largely preventable.

And that's precisely why we are here - because preventing deaths and injuries in global supply chains is what the Vision Zero Fund was set up for.

Our context here today, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, places this in even sharper focus. And it has placed occupational safety and health very squarely on the international agenda.

The pandemic has reminded us of the essential importance of safety and health at work, and what happens when occupational safety and health systems are under-resourced and unprepared, and working people are insufficiently protected.

We have seen how poor conditions in one workplace can affect multiple businesses, communities and countries.

The consequences are not just human health, but increases in poverty, damage to business and economies, and a heavy burden on social protection systems.

So the problems are very much of the moment.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_773086/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Health and decent work, Value chains

Save the date : 1er Chat Live Devenir Eleveur le 1er mars à 11h15

Comme promis, Devenir éleveur organise son premier Chat Live avec pour thème du jour la formation BPREA. Cette formation est conseillée notamment dans le cas de reconversion vers les métiers de l'agriculture. Plusieurs enseignants de l'établissements des Sardières seront présents, profitez-en pour leur poser toutes vos questions !

Links : <http://devenir-eleveur.com/>

Texas studies COVID-19 impact on fruit and vegetable production - Fruit Growers News



In a new report from the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association titled "The Effects of COVID-19 on Fruit and Vegetable Production," Stephen Devadoss, the Emabeth Thompson Endowed Professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources at Texas Tech, and William Ridley from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, explored COVID-19's effects on fruit and vegetable production in light of the ongoing and widespread proliferation of the pandemic in the farm

labor force.

"Though much attention was paid to labor shortages in meat processing due to COVID-19, we thought it's important to look at labor-intensive crop productions, particularly vegetable and fruit production," Devadoss said.

According to the study's authors, COVID-19 has had unprecedented effects on the U.S. economy, in large part because of its effects on workers. Within food and agriculture, these effects pose the greatest threat to the production of labor-intensive commodities, in particular fruits and vegetables, the production of which tends to require large numbers of workers for harvesting and packing.

Links : <https://fruitgrowersnews.com/news/texas-studies-covid-19-impact-on-fruit-and-vegetable-production/>

Tags : Rural Employment, Health and decent work

A circular economy can promote decent work

COVID-19 has shown that health, decent work and environmental sustainability are strongly linked. The principles of the circular economy - repair, re-use and recycle - are key to achieving sustainable supply chains and can help promote decent work.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_771256/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Health and decent work

Real change needed for greater equality

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder calls for global solidarity to support vaccine roll-out and economic and social recovery from COVID-19 crisis, in his message for World Day of Social Justice.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_771705/lang--en/index.htm

Peace and resilience through decent work

The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the vulnerability of states that were already suffering from disaster and conflict.

Even before this global health crisis, many were experiencing high rates of unemployment and poverty, leading to increased risk of social unrest. Factors like these make countries affected by fragility, conflict and disaster less able to prepare for future crises.

Decent work has proven to be the foundation of resilient and peaceful societies. Against the backdrop of COVID-19, it is needed now more than ever.

Explore this InfoStory to learn more.

Links : <https://www.ilo.org/infostories/en-GB/Stories/The-ILO/peace-and-resilience#introduction>

Systemic forced labour and child labour has come to an end in Uzbek cotton

The systematic and systemic use of child labour and forced labour in Uzbekistan's cotton industry has come to an end, although some local vestiges still remain, according to a new International Labour Organization (ILO) report.

The report, compiled for the World Bank, shows that one in eight people of working age in Uzbekistan participated in the cotton harvest. This makes it the world's largest recruitment effort. Sixty-five percent of pickers were women, and the vast majority were from rural areas.

Systematic child labour has been eradicated and child labour is no longer a major concern.

"When I was a child, we unfortunately missed a lot of school classes because of the cotton harvest," said Dilshoda Shodmonova from Chircik near Tashkent. "Today, thanks to the reforms, my own daughter can go to school uninterrupted and get her education. This encourages me to continue my work as a labour rights activist."

Links : https://www.ilo.org/washington/news/WCMS_767753/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Child labour

FAO pledges intensified action to end child labour in agriculture

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), QU Dongyu, today pledged to intensify efforts towards addressing child labour in agriculture through a dedicated work programme within FAO's Strategic Framework.

"This year, we will step-up our efforts to strengthen the capacities of a wide range of agricultural actors to include child labour prevention and youth employment in their work," the Director-General stressed

during the virtual event launch of the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour 2021 organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

"Policies, programmes, and investments related to agri-food systems need to address the root causes of child labour, including household poverty," he added, as the global COVID-19 pandemic also places more pressure on poor and vulnerable families. The Director-General highlighted that "we need a breakthrough in agriculture where child labour is frequently found".

This year, FAO will organize a series of regional consultations, and a global event on Child Labour in Agriculture will be held in November to increase awareness and promote good practices, the Director-General said, while noting the outcomes from that event would make a significant contribution to the Fifth Global Conference on Child Labour in 2022.

Links : <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1370446/icode/>

Tags : Child labour

Surreprésentation des salariés faiblement rémunérés dans l'agriculture et le commerce alimentaire

Les métiers « sur le front de la Covid », pour lesquels le travail s'est intensifié et les conditions de travail détériorées, se caractérisent par une proportion élevée de salariés au voisinage du SMIC, notamment dans les secteurs agricoles et forestiers au sens large, et, à l'autre bout de la chaîne de valeur, dans le commerce alimentaire.

Links : <http://veilleagri.hautetfort.com/archive/2021/02/10/surrepresentation-des-salaries-faiblement-remunerer-dans-l-a-6296566.html>

Tags : Rural Employment

Les agriculteurs et les agricultrices face à la crise sanitaire de la COVID-19

Comment les agriculteurs et les agricultrices ont-ils vécu, et vivent-ils encore, la crise sanitaire de la COVID-19, à la fois au niveau personnel mais aussi au niveau de leurs pratiques sur l'exploitation agricole ?

200 agricultrices et agriculteurs ont accepté de participer à cette enquête lancée au début du mois de novembre.

Links : <https://agrigenre.hypotheses.org/2329>