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Capitalisme, famille et reconnaissance professionnelle : une petite histoire des paysannes belges et françaises (II)

Ce texte est le deuxième d'une série de quatre articles portant un regard socio-historique sur les paysannes belges et françaises. Famille, travail et agriculture : travail gratuit et rôle social de la fermière A. L'agriculture comme rapport social familial de production Si l'exclusion des femmes du salariat est à nuancer (Schweitzer, 2002), le développement du capitalisme va profondément modifier le monde rural. L'économie de ...

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.



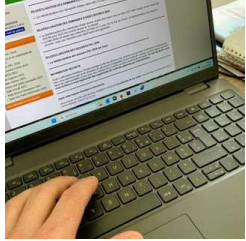
L'IRD partenaire de l'Unicamp pour la création d'un centre international de recherche sur les migrations au Brésil

Le futur centre, qui devrait bénéficier d'un financement d'environ 30 millions de reais de la Fondation d'Appui à la Recherche de l'État de São Paulo (Fapesp) dans le cadre du programme Centre International de Recherche (CIP), ambitionne de fédérer des chercheurs de différentes disciplines autour des dynamiques migratoires, des déplacements forcés et de leurs liens avec le développement durable. Il s'inscrira dans une perspective ...



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Comparativement au reste de la population en emploi, les agriculteurs déclarent une meilleure santé, mais les statistiques montrent une réalité différente, particulièrement chez les plus de 50 ans. L'exposition prolongée à des pénibilités multiples accélère le vieillissement corporel des exploitants agricoles, tandis que d'autres contraintes spécifiques ...



Bruxelles promet de réduire de 20 % le temps nécessaire à vos dossiers Pac

Le chantier de la simplification de la Pac lancé par la Commission européenne franchit une nouvelle étape, avec à la clé la promesse d'un gain de temps et d'argent, selon l'exécutif bruxellois.



Entre 2020 et 2023 le nombre d'employés dans le secteur agricole a chuté de 10 % en Europe

Un rapport de l'office de la statistique européenne révèle que l'emploi agricole continue de perdre en puissance au sein de l'Union européenne.



Estimation des besoins en travail dans l'agriculture italienne

Une équipe de chercheurs du Centre italien de recherche en agriculture et économie agricole (CREA, voir un précédent billet) a publié, en septembre 2025, un rapport exploratoire consacré au travail en agriculture, dans la péninsule.... L'article Estimation des besoins en travail dans l'agriculture italienne est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Optimiser le temps de travail avec une appli

Jean-Yves Rousselot a toujours cherché à gérer ses journées au mieux. En s'aidant d'agendas d'abord, puis en s'appuyant sur l'appli Aptimiz qui calcule le temps passé à chaque activité.

Safety on suckler farms this spring

Farmers need to be mindful of farm safety. Statistics from the HSA show that deaths due to livestock accounted for approximately 20% of all fatalities in agriculture over the last 10 years. Cow attacks at calving time have risen sharply in recent years and is one of the main causes of livestock deaths, with cow and heifer attacks accounting for one third (33%) of this figure. Practices such as navel dipping, tagging a calf and stomach tubing can provoke a sudden change of behaviour in the cow as she may see you as a threat and attack.



International Day of Rural Women: the unfinished quest for decent work for all

...world celebrates the International Day of Rural Women, recognizing the critical role of women in rural areas. This day reminds us all of the major contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, to...



How the latest statistical standards improve knowledge about rural women's work

...International Day of Rural Women to shed light on their critical role in driving sustainable, agricultural, and rural development. As the backbone of many economic sectors in rural areas, they are key in...

Farmers Leading Farm Safety

As part of the BeSafe Project, a group of Mayo farmers worked with some of the project's key findings and developed them into practical tools to raise farm safety awareness and address risks.

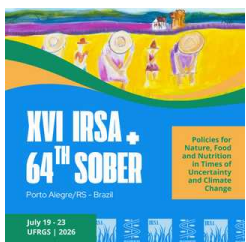
Congress



Le travail, une valeur encore essentielle ?

En janvier 2023, la Dares (Direction des directions de l'animation de la recherche, des études et des statistiques du ministère en charge des questions du travail et de l'emploi) montre que les secteurs où les entreprises déclarent rencontrer le plus de difficultés à recruter sont ceux où les conditions de travail sont particulièrement difficiles, avec des niveaux de rémunération faibles. Les tensions sur le marché du travail depuis 2015 avec des difficultés à recruter dans certains secteurs ainsi que la pandémie de Covid-19 et le projet de réforme des retraites en 2023 ont mis sur le devant de la scène la question du travail, et en premier lieu les enjeux liés aux conditions de travail et de son organisation, aux formes de management et de santé au travail. Elles ont montré l'importance que les salariés accordaient à la qualité de vie au travail et au sens de celui-ci, y compris en termes d'impact social et environnemental.

Call for Papers



Abertura das submissões de trabalhos para o 64º Congresso da SOBER

A Sociedade Brasileira de Economia, Administração e Sociologia Rural (SOBER) comunica a abertura do período de submissão de trabalhos científicos para o 64º Congresso da SOBER, que será realizado de..

2026 IFAMA Symposium

Scholars are invited to submit science-based research that advances resilient food and bioeconomy systems as our industry navigates profound environmental, geopolitical, technological, and societal transformations that are fundamentally reshaping how we produce, distribute, and consume food globally. Authors of accepted papers and posters will present during the academic Symposium of the IFAMA 2026 World Conference, in Cork, Ireland on 15–16 June, 2026. The theme: Rooted in Resilience, Revitalizing agri-food systems for an uncertain tom...



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CONFERENCE DATE: 29 JUNE TO 3 JULY 2026 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS We invite researchers, Extension Practitioners, students, and policymakers from government, academia, and private organizations to submit abstracts for the upcoming SASAE Conference 2026. This conference serves as a platform to explore innovative ideas, share research, and engage in discussions that shape the future of [...] The post 59TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ...



Images du Travail, Travail des Images : Animaux au travail, travail des animaux

Pour février 2027, la revue Images du Travail – Travail des Images souhaite proposer un numéro sur la tension entre image / travail / animal, en mobilisant de manière ouverte et pluridisciplinaire des ensembles visuels sur le travail ou produit dans le cadre du travail des animaux.

Publications

Trabalho Decente No Brasil: Um Estudo Das Condições De Trabalho De Assalariados Na Agropecuária Na Região Sul

O artigo tem como objetivo analisar o trabalho decente a partir das condições de trabalho dos assalariados na agropecuária na região Sul do Brasil, com foco na qualidade do emprego. Adotou-se uma metodologia que incluiu a construção de uma tipologia de famílias, estratificando-as em quatro categorias, e a mensuração do Índice de Qualidade do Emprego (IQE). A análise foi realizada com base nos microdados da Pesquisa Nacional por Amostra de Domicílios Contínua (PNADC) para o período de 2012 a 2022, utilizando como referência o salário mínimo necessário calculado pelo DIEESE. Os resultados indicam que fatores como a formalização do vínculo empregatício, o contrato de trabalho permanente, o aumento dos rendimentos e o acesso a direitos sociais básicos são fatores determinantes para a melhoria das condições de trabalho. O IQE revelou avanços nas condições de emprego, embora persistam disparidades significativas entre os grupos familiares analisados. As famílias com maiores rendimentos (tipos 1 e 2) apresentam maior estabilidade e qualidade no emprego, dado que as famílias com rendas inferiores (tipos 3 e 4) enfrentam condições mais precárias, marcadas por informalidade, contratos temporários e rendimentos reduzidos.

Review: Attracting and retaining a farm workforce for the pork industry

This review examines factors involved in attracting and retaining the farm workforce, with implications for the pork industry, which faces unique challenges related to skills requirements, migrant workforce reliance, and public perceptions. A rapid literature review methodology was employed, analysing studies on agricultural workforce attraction and retention between the years 2000 and 2025. Perceptions of farm work differ between outsiders and insiders, with outsiders holding more negative views about working conditions; however, job ...

Smart farming technologies and changes to farm work: New insights into on-farm experiences

The intersect between technologies and the future of work is a key topic for both practitioner and scholarly communities. In this paper, we explore this intersect within agriculture by examining the changes to work for farmers implementing smart farming technologies (SFTs) in the United Kingdom (UK) and Australia. We interviewed 17 farmers across the UK and Australia from horticulture, dairy and mixed farming (arable and livestock) enterprises who were implementing diverse SFTs. Interview questions explored farmers' experiences in implementing ...

Quantitative methodologies to assess sleep, wellbeing and physical health in dairy farm workplaces

Farmer workloads can affect their sleep and wellbeing; however, quantitative methodologies for assessing these aspects with farmers have not been well developed or tested. Aims The aims of this exploratory study were to (1) develop and test methods to assess the impact of spring peak workloads on dairy farmer sleep, wellbeing and physical health, (2) use these methods to assess the impacts of different milking schedules on sleep, wellbeing and physical health factors.

Depression in farming families: A systematic review

Depression is a common mental condition characterised by low mood, or loss of pleasure or interest in activities for extended periods of time. Farming populations have long been identified as a population at high risk for depression. However, farming families remain under researched and under explored in mental health research. This review therefore aimed to examine the prevalence of depressive symptoms among farming family members and identify associated risk factors. A systematic review was conducted using PRISMA guidelines searching ...

Work Stress Mapping of Farmers in Jember Regency

Work stress among farmers remains an overlooked occupational health issue in Indonesia despite high vulnerability to economic and environmental pressures. This study aimed to map farmers' stress levels and identify demographic factors influencing stress. A quantitative descriptive design was used with 140 farmers selected through purposive sampling in Jember Regency. Stress was measured using the DASS-42 stress subscale, and data were analysed descriptively and through multiple linear regression. Results showed that 62.9% of farmers experienced ...

Semantic Variances in Career Expectations among Stakeholders in the Agricultural Sector: Opportunities and Challenges

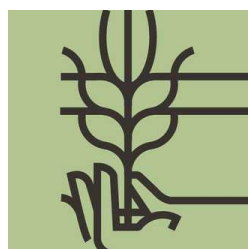
This study examines the semantic differences in career expectations among key stakeholders in the agricultural sector. Using a semantic differential scale, the research evaluates perceptions related to job opportunities, career progression, work-life balance, and job security. Read more ...

The impact of agri-environmental measures on farms' costs, labour and income

This study examines the impact of agri-environmental measures on crop and livestock costs, labour inputs and income growth, using FADN farm-level data for the years 2006 and 2013, covering the 2007–2013 programming period in 22 EU countries. Employing a difference-in-differences model combined with coarsened exact matching, the results show that while some specific production costs rise on subsidized farms, these increases differ by region. Income growth and labour inputs are consistently higher across all regions. In particular, crop ...

Reports - DignityFIRM

Participatory Action Research (PAR). Migrant organisations led actions This deliverable builds on the Cross-Country comparative report, which presented the overall Participatory Action Research (PAR) methodology applied across three case studies and...



Policy Brief – Employers and compliance with labour standards in agriculture. Social conditionality and incentive mechanisms in Italy - DignityFIRM

Policy Brief – Employers and compliance with labour standards in agriculture. Social conditionality and incentive mechanisms in Italy This Policy Brief addresses sanctioning and incentive mechanisms related to compliance with workers' rights in agriculture in Italy. As of 2024, 25% of agriculture workers were non-UE migrant workers (Dossier Immigrazione IDOS 2025). This policy brief is

The Capital–Labour–State Dynamics of Herbicide Adoption in Rainfed India

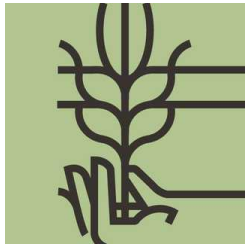
This paper engages debates around the capital–labour–state dynamics of agrarian transitions to address the oft-studied but still little-understood question of why farmers adopt herbicides when they do. Over the last several years, smallholder farmers in India have begun using the herbicide bispyribac sodium at breakneck speeds, particularly in semi-subsistence, marginalized tracts such as the eastern districts of Madhya Pradesh (MP), India. First, we utilize investor analysis and corporate reporting to explain how bispyribac sodium became ...

The impact of migration experience of rural labour on income inequality

In recent years, the scale of rural labourers returning to their hometowns has expanded steadily, while rural income inequality remains high. Using data from the China Household Finance Survey, this study primarily employs RIF regression to investigate the impact of rural labourers' migration experience on rural income inequality and the underlying mechanisms. The findings indicate that migration experience contributes to income growth by improving income stability, amplifying risk appetite, and encouraging entrepreneurial behaviour among ...

Environmental, economic, and social impacts of precision agricultural technology: Convergences and divergences between theory and practice

Precision agriculture (PA) technologies are widely promoted for their potential to enhance sustainability, efficiency, and resilience in agricultural systems. However, few studies critically assess whether these promises hold in practice, particularly in rural contexts facing infrastructure and resource constraints. The main aim of this paper is to identify environmental, economic, and social (E-E-S) impacts of PA technologies in crop farming, and convergences and divergences between theory and practice. A literature review of E-E-S impacts ...



COVID-19 as a catalyst for re-regulating migrant labour in the German meat industry - DignityFIRM

COVID-19 as a catalyst for re-regulating migrant labour in the German meat industry This working paper examines the 2020 enactment of the Occupational Safety Control Act (OSCA) as a case-study for state re-regulation of migrant labour in the German meat industry. Using the COVID-19 pandemic as a window of opportunity, the OSCA sought to address

Young Farmers and Mental Health: A Systematic Scoping Review

Supporting farmers to maintain good wellbeing and access to mental health supports is crucial to reducing the number of lives lost by suicide. Little is known about the mental health needs of young farmers, how best to support them and how to build resilience. This systematic scoping review was conducted to identify what literature is currently available on the mental health of young farmers, the knowledge gaps, and the needs of this population. Methods This systematic scoping review was guided by the Prisma 2020 methodological framework. ...

Social norms enable rural collective action: an example from weed management in Australia

Effective control of weeds requires all land managers to manage weeds on their own properties and encourage others to do the same. Sources of social capital – trust, networks and norms – can influence the behaviour of land managers as well as whether weed management is done individually or collectively. Yet, social norms are understudied compared to other sources of social capital. The aim of this research was to describe the social norms associated with weed management on rural private property in Victoria, Australia, and the extent to ...

Does rural out-migration contribute to cropland-use intensification transition? Evidence from cropping farms in China

Understanding the transition of cropland use from labor-intensive to capital-intensive is crucial for sustaining food supply in the context of rural labor shortage driven by China's rapid urbanization. Using household-level panel data from China's National Fixed-Point Survey (2003–2021) and an instrumental-variable estimation strategy that uses village-level out-migration rates excluding the focal household as instruments, we explore the correlation between rural out-migration and cropland use change. The results show that rural out-migration ...

Contract Labour, Job Quality and Turnover Intention—Evidence From Nigeria

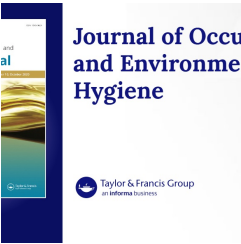
Labour contracting, where intermediaries provide farmers with migrant workers, plays a central role in meeting the demand for seasonal labour on labour-intensive farms. Yet this system poses underresearched challenges for both workers and farmers. A few studies, mostly qualitative, link labour contracting to exploitative conditions, raising concerns about workers' welfare (Sustainable Development Goal 8). However, poor working conditions are widespread in agriculture, and notably, quantitative comparisons between contract and non-contract ...

Labor endowment, productive services and farmers' adoption of ecological agriculture: Taking rice-crayfish co-culture model as an example

Despite growing emphasis on ecological agriculture, limited attention has been examined how labor endowment and productive services to shape farmers' adoption decisions. This study investigates the synergistic role of labor endowment and productive services in adopting the rice-crayfish co-culture model, using 2023 survey data from small-scale farmers in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River. The results show that labor endowment is a key driver of adoption. Both labor quantity and labor quality increase the likelihood of adoption, by 17.5 % and 3.1 % per additional unit, respectively. Productive services further strengthen these effects. Seedling provision and agricultural supply services mainly amplify the effect of labor quality endowment, while planting and disease prevention services reinforce the overall influence of labor endowment. Marketing services play a distinctive role in enhancing the contribution of labor quality to adoption behavior. Heterogeneity analysis reveals that the positive impact of labor endowment is considerably stronger among production oriented farmers, new business subjects, large-scale grain growers, and farmers with better cultivated land conditions than among subsistence and small-scale farmers. Mechanism analysis shows that labor endowment promotes adoption mainly by improving farmers' ability to learn and master ecological production technologies. The study advances theoretical understanding by demonstrating that productive services in complex ecological agricultural systems operate under a complementarity logic, rather than functioning as substitutes for household labor. These findings provide new empirical evidence on the multidimensional mechanisms linking labor endowment, service provision, and ecological technology adoption.

Tracing young people's entry and retention in the Australian agriculture sector: A longitudinal analysis of rural employment pathways

The migration of rural youth to urban areas for employment opportunities has been a central scholarship focus on young people in rural and regional contexts. While leaving has often been characterised as a normative transition toward achieving socially accepted visions of adulthood, recent contributions to the rural mobilities literature challenge the assumption that leaving equates to success. These works call for renewed attention to the lived experiences of those who choose to stay. This paper presents a case study of the agriculture ...



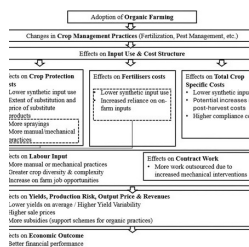
Work posture, ergonomic risk, and musculoskeletal disorders in traditional farming communities of Rajasthan

Manual farming operations among small-scale independent farmers engaged in subsistence agriculture expose workers to significant ergonomic hazards, leading to a high prevalence of musculoskeletal d...



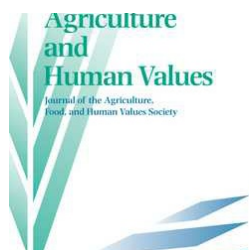
Are Milking Management Technologies Increasing the Labor Efficiency, Productivity and Profitability of Pasture-Based Dairy Farms? Evidence from Ireland

Pasture-based dairy farmers currently face increasing seasonal workload in addition to declining workforce availability. Milking management technologies have the potential to improve labor efficiency with a consequent increase in productivity and profitability. However, there is a lack of evidence of the effects of these technologies on dairy farm performance. Using farm-level data from Ireland and a propensity score matching approach, ...



Organic crop farming in the European Union: Impacts on farm-level input costs, labour, and income | Q Open | Oxford Academic

The European Union (EU) aims to increase the adoption of organic farming as part of its Farm to Fork Strategy. However, farmers face uncertain adoption outcomes linked with crop yields, production costs, labour requirements, and ultimately farm income. Yet, comprehensive large-scale empirical evidence on the economics of organic crop farming in the EU is currently lacking. Therefore, this study assesses the economic implications ...



Unpacking women farmers: a quantitative analysis of identities, activities, and attitudes from Iowa

There has been increased research on the so-called “rise” of the women farmer in the US in terms of who they are and how they identify themselves. While work has demonstrated that women have multiple, shifting roles on the farm that shape their farmer ‘identity’, little research has investigated how farmer identity relates to off-farm work or perceived self-efficacy in farming despite these domains being theoretically salient. ...

Investigating the roles and challenges of female extension workers: a systematic review

As the demographics of farming communities change and innovations evolve, the role of female extension workers becomes more critical, especially in reaching out to women farmers who are often primary agricultural laborers in rural households and supporting them to adopt new practices and technologies. This study investigates how the roles and challenges of female extension workers are represented in the literature and what assumptions and implications underpin these representations.

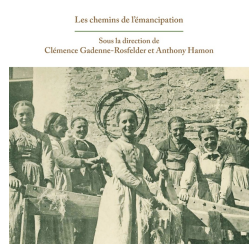


D. Jacques-Jouvenot, Y. Martin, (dir.), Santé et mal-être en agriculture, Éditions des archives contemporaines, 2025, 72 pages

Cet ouvrage, publié en novembre 2025, rassemble trois contributions sur le thème du mal-être en agriculture. Il s'agit de travaux présentés lors d'un colloque d'octobre 2023, sur « Santé et malaise en agriculture », fruit... L'article D. Jacques-Jouvenot, Y. Martin, (dir.), *Santé et mal-être en agriculture*, Éditions des archives contemporaines, 2025, 72 pages est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre ...

L'installation en élevage en France : enjeux et agenda de recherche

Problématique devenue cruciale au fil des années, en France et en Europe, l'installation en élevage, pourtant constante en volume, ne permet pas un renouvellement des actifs de ce secteur. Avec une tendance à l'augmentation de la diversité des porteurs de projets et des structures accueillant une installation, les dynamiques d'installation nécessitent d'être inscrites à l'agenda des recherches des années à venir. Introduction



Contester l'ordre du genre des mondes agricoles depuis le travail

Selon Alice Barthez, au début des années 1980, par-delà l'alternative de la « fuite et du refus », il s'agissait pour les filles de paysans de rompre avec « l'histoire qui est celle de leur dépendance en cherchant à inventer leur avenir sans quitter leur milieu professionnel, dans l'agriculture même ». Par la reconstitution et la comparaison des carrières de deux filles d'éleveur·ses nées respectivement en 1959 au nord de la Castille ...