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Méthanisation agricole : profils d'exploitants et émergence d'un nouveau salariat

La chaire Mutations agricoles de l'ESA d'Angers a consacré son atelier-conférence d'octobre 2026 (disponible en replay) au profil des agriculteurs méthaniseurs, à leurs compétences et au travail de leurs salariés. Deux interventions s'appuient sur les… L'article Méthanisation agricole : profils d'exploitants et émergence d'un nouveau salariat est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.

Travail agricole et ancrage territorial des Gens du voyage, des Gitans et des Roms

Mise en ligne en septembre 2026, la thèse de Ch. Lugiéry (université de Perpignan) étudie les liens qu'entretiennent, avec l'agriculture, des Gens du voyage, des Gitans et des migrants roms d'Europe de l'Est (trois populations… L'article Travail agricole et ancrage territorial des Gens du voyage, des Gitans et des Roms est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.

Pénurie de main-d'œuvre agricole aux États-Unis : des impacts variables selon les productions végétales

Une équipe internationale de chercheurs a publié en septembre 2026, dans l'American Journal of Agricultural Economics, un article sur les conséquences de la baisse de la main-d'œuvre agricole sur les productions végétales aux États-Unis. Ce… L'article Pénurie de main-d'œuvre agricole aux États-Unis : des impacts variables selon les productions végétales est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospec…

Intoxications aiguës aux pesticides chez les agriculteurs : une estimation à l'échelle mondiale

Un article publié en septembre 2026 dans Frontiers in Public Health cherche à actualiser l'estimation mondiale du nombre de cas annuels d'intoxications aiguës par les pesticides, dans la population agricole. L'étude se concentre sur les… L'article Intoxications aiguës aux pesticides chez les agriculteurs : une estimation à l'échelle mondiale est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Le défi du renouvellement des générations concerne aussi les salariés agricoles

En Pays-de-la-Loire, plus de 19 000 salariés permanents travaillent actuellement dans les exploitations agricoles. Un quart a plus de 50 ans.

Au Sommet de l'Élevage, l'emploi et la formation avancent ensemble

Recruter, accompagner, former et orienter : l'ANEFA, l'APECITA, OCAPIAT et VIVÉA ont uni leurs expertises au sein de l'Espace Emploi-Formation pour répondre aux enjeux d'attractivité des métiers agricoles. Des expertises complémentaires pour les agriculteursRenouvellement des générations, transition écologique, intelligence artificielle, nouvelles attentes des salariés : le métier d'exploitant évolue, et avec lui celui d'employeur. …



« On fait face à de nombreux préjugés »

Métiers agricoles : « On fait face à de nombreux préjugés » « Il faut avoir baigné dedans, ce sont des métiers d'hommes, peu innovants, où on ne gagne pas sa vie » : au Space, des étudiants tordent le cou aux clichés qui perdurent sur les formations et les professions agricoles. Comme Élisa, qui veut prouver qu'une femme peut s'installer et réussir seule en élevage.



Comment font nos voisins européens face au manque de main-d'œuvre agricole

Contraints par la pénurie de travailleurs, l'Allemagne, l'Espagne, la Pologne, l'Italie et le Royaume-Uni mettent en œuvre des solutions pour assurer leurs récoltes.

SafeHabitus seminar demands decent work for Europe's migrant and seasonal farm workers

To mark the World Day for Decent Work, Members of the European Parliament's S&D group hosted a policy seminar on migrant and seasonal workers in farming at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. The seminar was organised in conjunction with the ongoing SafeHabitus Exhibition on Social Sustainability in Agriculture. The event brought together EU decision-makers, civil society organisations, agricultural employers, trade unions, and researchers to explore working conditions and address social sustainability challenges across Europe's …

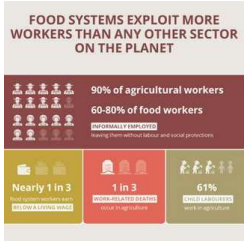
The hidden cost of European farming: Parliament event addresses agricultural mental health crisis

(Strasbourg, 6 October 2026) As economic uncertainty, heavy workloads, climate change, and social isolation mount, EU decision-makers, researchers, agricultural unions and advisory networks are joining forces to confront a silent epidemic: the mental health crisis facing Europe's farmers and agricultural workers. MEPs Paulo do Nascimento Cabral and Elsi Katainen hosted a landmark policy seminar on mental health in farming at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. MEP do Nascimento Cabral will jointly introduce the seminar with MEP Eric …



Decent Work Forum 2026: Turning the ILO agri-food guidelines into action

In 2023, the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted the policy guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agri-food sector, providing a framework for advancing workers' rights and sustainable food systems, grounded in international labour standards and social dialogue. Building on these Guidelines, IUF affiliate UFCW Canada and the IUF brought them into practice at the third Decent Work Forum in Toronto on October …



World Food Day: Agri-food workers demand rights and justice

Nearly 1.4 billion people work in food systems, accounting for two out of every five workers worldwide. No other sector employs so many people. Yet, as a recent IPES-Food, report makes clear, food production remains one of the world's more exploitative industries.

Beyond Jobs: What It Takes to Make Kenya's Agrifood Value Chains Work for Young People

IFPRI Blog: Event Post | Africa Region Office Key takeaways Kenya's agrifood systems hold significant potential to create employment for the youth. However, increasing job numbers is just one aspect of the challenge. For young people to view agriculture as a viable pathway to a better future, the work must also offer stable income, respect, […]

The Making of a Survey: Designing a Gender Disaggregated Farmer Survey in Odisha

Every year on 15th October, the United Nations observes the International Day of Rural Women, recognizing the many roles women play in agriculture, food security, and poverty reduction. In Odisha, these contributions are reflected in the everyday decisions women make on farms, the labor they contribute, their engagement in the agri-value chain, and the livelihoods they help sustain.



From principle to practice: GAPWUZ advances equal pay for agricultural workers in Zimbabwe

The post From principle to practice: GAPWUZ advances equal pay for agricultural workers in Zimbabwe appeared first on IUF.

Congress

Women in agriculture around the world - IAWA

What do we know about their situation and how can we better support them? This webinar organized by the International Association on Work in Agriculture (IAWA) will bring together researchers and practitioners from different regions of the world to examine what we know about the conditions of women in agriculture, where important knowledge gaps remain, and how the existing evidence can already be translated into action.



65º Congresso de Sociedade Brasileira de Economia, Administração e Sociologia Rural

O Congresso da Sociedade Brasileira de Economia, Administração e Sociologia Rural (SOBER) será realizado entre os dias 25 e 29 de julho de 2027, presencialmente, na Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV), na cidade de Viçosa/MG. O tema geral desta edição será “Inovações e territórios rurais: governança e dinâmicas socioeconômicas e ambientais”.

Migrations et mise au travail dans les agricultures euro-méditerranéennes

Journées d’étude les 2 et 3 novembre à Montpellier : Salle Auditorium, Site St Charles 2 (place Albert 1er), entrée libre, lien visio sur demande

IAWA - Webinaire "Les femmes en agriculture à travers le monde"

Ce webinaire, organisé par l'Association internationale pour le travail en agriculture (IAWA), réunira chercheurs et praticiens de différentes régions du monde pour examiner ce que nous savons sur les conditions des femmes en agriculture, où subsistent d'importantes lacunes de connaissances et comment celles existantes peuvent être transformées en actions. Cependant, même si les femmes du monde entier sont souvent confrontées à des formes similaires d'invisibilité et d'accès inégal aux ressources, les défis qu'elles rencontrent et les ...

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Des mondes du travail agricole en transition

Les mondes agricoles connaissent aujourd’hui des transformations profondes qui affectent simultanément les modes de production, les formes d’organisation du travail, les structures d’emploi et les trajectoires professionnelles. Ces transformations s’inscrivent dans des dynamiques multiples : transitions écologiques et énergétiques, diffusion des technologies numériques et robotiques, recompositions géopolitiques des marchés agricoles, ...

International Labour Process Conference 2027 I 31st March – 2nd April 2027

We are pleased to announce that the next International Labour Process Conference will take place at the University of Cádiz (UCA), Spain, through the research group “Transformations and Conflicts in Contemporary Societies”, and with the support of the Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences and the Institute for Research in Social and Sustainable Development (INDESS). On site activities will be held at the UCA Jerez campus. Jerez de la Frontera is world-renowned for its wines and wineries, its horses and for being the birthplace of ...

Publications

Nouvelles formes de travail en agriculture - Analyse d’ouvrage par Adelaide Nascimento

Nouvelles formes de travail en agriculture, coordonné par Nathalie Hostiou, Pierre Gasselin et Benoît Dedieu, rassemble quinze chapitres issus de travaux de recherche consacrés aux transformations contemporaines du travail agricole. Ces transformations s’inscrivent dans des dynamiques structurelles anciennes du secteur agricole familial, caractérisé par des conditions de travail exigeantes et des revenus insatisfaisants, venant inciter différents épisodes de manifestations, dont ceux du début de 2024. Le monde agricole serait ainsi dans ...

Preferences for Mental Health Interventions Among Farming Family Members

Farming populations experience mental health difficulties at a higher rate than the general population. Farming family members are likely to face similar challenges given the structural absence of separation between home, workplace and family business; yet the specific intervention preferences of farming family members as a distinct group remain largely understudied..

'They don't work as hard as us': horizontal racialization and fragmented solidarity among Latin American migrant farmworkers in Spain

Source:AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN VALUES43 (4),,14 DOI:10.1007/s10460-026-10972-9Abstract:This article examines how racialized divisions among workers emerge and operate within agricultural production in order to analyze the role of race and ethnicity in the labor process. Drawing on qualitative research with Latin American migrant farmworkers in Spain's citrus industry, it argues that racialization operates not only through hiring practices but also through the (infra)structural organization of flexible labor. Seasonal mobility, piecework ...

Institutional Responses to Farmer Mental Health Challenges in Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Four Cases

There are growing concerns in the European Union about farmer mental health. Research to date has mainly focused on the causes of mental distress. There is less work on the institutional arrangements through which support is organized and delivered. This article examines different institutional responses to farmer mental health challenges. The strengths, limitations and potential transferability of each are considered.

The effect of rural tourism on rural prosperity: evidence from China on agricultural labor productivity, incomes, and household food consumption

Source:FRONTIERS IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS10 (),,17 DOI:10.3389/fsufs.2026.1904226Abstract:Policy support in China has disproportionately favored rural tourism as a core pillar of rural revitalization. However, its net effect on agricultural labor productivity, rural income, and household consumption remains empirically untested. This study examines how rural tourism expenditure affects these three dimensions of rural prosperity and evaluates alternative policy instruments to maximize developmental benefits. The analysis employs a dynamic ...

A case of social downgrading? Hazelnut farmers and seasonal migrant workers in Turkey's hazelnut value chain

Source:NEW PERSPECTIVES ON TURKEY (),,23 DOI:10.1017/npt.2026.10099Abstract:This article investigates the position of hazelnut cultivation in Turkey within the global hazelnut value chain. Conceptually, it seeks to bring together the insights of the scholarship on global agrifood value chains and studies on seasonal migrant agricultural labor. Drawing on qualitative fieldwork that included interviews with farmers, wholesalers, and seasonal migrant farm workers in three provinces along the Black Sea coast and an analysis of secondary literature, ...

Conservation agriculture practices and labor productivity in maize production: Evidence from smallholders in Malawi and Zambia

Source:COGENT FOOD & AGRICULTURE12 (1),,21 DOI:10.1080/23311932.2026.2725338Abstract:This study estimates the relationship between adoption of CA practices and labor productivity in maize production among smallholder farmers in Malawi and Zambia, using data from 1,120 randomly sampled households and 4,311 plots. We define CA practice adoption as using minimum tillage with crop rotation, minimum tillage with mulching or minimum tillage with both crop rotation and mulching in the plot. We found that CA practices were adopted in 11.40% ...



From Agrarian Roots to Diversified Horizons: An Examination of Intergenerational Changes in Rural Workforce in West Bengal, India - Sandip Mondal, 2026

This study investigates the intricate interplay of intergenerational occupational mobility in the rural context of West Bengal. It pursues two primary objectives: understanding intergenerational mobility in the rural farm and non-farm sectors, and examining the influence of caste and education on this mobility. The research relies on data collected through a primary survey conducted in two villages within Birbhum district.

Does climate vulnerability constrain women's participation in the agricultural labour market in Sub-Saharan Africa?

This study examines the impact of climate vulnerability on women's agricultural employment in sub-Saharan Africa, a region where both exposure to climate-related risks and gender disparities in the labour market are pronounced. The central research question is whether climate vulnerability reduces women's participation in agricultural employment. The analysis draws on panel data from 41 sub-Saharan African countries covering the period 2000–2020.



Lithuanian Women in Agriculture: Gendered Farming Practices and Landscape Diversification

his article aims to contribute to the production of knowledge on gender dynamics in the European farming sector. It explores women's roles in Lithuanian agriculture and their impact on the rural landscape. The study employs a mixed-methodology approach that combines statistical analyses, interviews with 50 farming families, and farm visits.



Labour-related issues and labour-mediated food waste in the global horticultural supply chain: Developing a qualitative–quantitative prioritisation framework for food security and consumer acceptance - ScienceDirect

The horticulture sector plays a critical role in global food security but also contributes substantially to food loss and waste, posing significant environmental, economic, and food security challenges. Labour-related constraints are increasingly recognised as key drivers of horticultural food waste; however, a comprehensive thematic framework explaining how labour issues across the agri-food supply chain contribute to food waste ...

Self-reported Work-related Stress, Depressive Symptoms, and Health and Well-being Among Certified Organic Farmers: The Organic Farmer Safety, Health, and Life Study

Assess work-related stress and depressive symptoms among certified organic crop producers in the US Southwest.Methods: Cross-sectional survey design with certified organic crop producers listed in the Organic Integrity Database using an electronic and paper version of the Organic Farmer Safety, Health, and Life Questionnaire. Analyses included descriptive statistics and multiple linear regressions to examine predictors of depressive ...

Empowering Rural Labour for Sustainable Livelihoods and SDG Progress: Primary Evidence From Jharkhand, India

The present study investigates how empowering rural labour contributes to sustainable development in Jharkhand. Drawing on primary data from rural households and workers, the research examines how local employment conditions, skills and resource access shape livelihoods, social inclusion and environmental sustainability. Findings reveal that empowered rural labour is associated with more stable incomes, lower rates of distress migration and greater adoption of responsible resource management, whereas disempowerment is linked to persistent ...

Feminist Approaches to Understanding Women’s Work in Indian Agriculture: Continuities and Discontinuities - Meena Gopal, 2026

This article will attempt to trace feminist discourses and theoretical perspectives to understand women’s work in the rural economy, largely focused on India and South Asia. This scholarship has drawn from a range of theoretical standpoints, resistance movements and lived experiences of women workers.

Migrant injury and temporality: Romanian agricultural migrant workers in Germany

Source:AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN VALUES43 (4),,10 DOI:10.1007/s10460-026-10968-5Abstract:Drawing on the case of Romanian short-term agricultural workers in Germany, this article brings together scholarship on migrant health with work on infrastructure and transnational social protection to examine how bodily harm is produced and experienced across borders. Within the EU framework, it analyzes specifically the interaction between mobility and labor regulations, the resulting healthcare access, as well as harvest rhythms and employer control. ...

Does climate vulnerability constrain women's participation in the agricultural labour market in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Source:ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS & DECISIONS46 (4),,15 DOI:10.1007/s10669-026-10147-1Abstract:This study examines the impact of climate vulnerability on women's agricultural employment in sub-Saharan Africa, a region where both exposure to climate-related risks and gender disparities in the labour market are pronounced. The central research question is whether climate vulnerability reduces women's participation in agricultural employment. The analysis draws on panel data from 41 sub-Saharan African countries covering the period 2000-2020. ...