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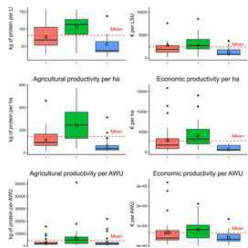
News

Streamlining farm work with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) help improve work efficiency, consistency, and safety by clearly outlining how farm tasks should be done. Running a successful dairy farm requires more than just hard work – it demands organisation, efficiency, and consistency. As dairy farms grow in size and rely on more hired or non-family workers, ensuring that tasks are done correctly and efficiently is becoming increasingly important. One of the best ways to achieve this is through the use of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These are clear, ...

Labour-saving ideas for winter housing and lambing

Sheep Specialist, Damian Costello joins this episode of the OviCast podcast to discuss practical approaches to reducing labour demands during the winter housing and lambing period. Damian outlines key husbandry practices that can help minimise interventions with ewes later in the season, highlighting how early planning can pay dividends when workload is at its peak. Joining podcast host, Ciaran Lynch, they also explore the importance of shed layout, pen design and ventilation in creating an efficient working environment. The discussion ...



Les élevages biologiques multi-espèces en Europe : arbitrages entre productivités agricole et économique

Des chercheurs d'INRAE ont publié en octobre 2025, dans la revue Farming System, un article sur la productivité des élevages en agriculture biologique associant plusieurs espèces d'animaux, dans six pays européens (Autriche, Belgique, France, Allemagne,... L'article Les élevages biologiques multi-espèces en Europe : arbitrages entre productivités agricole et économique est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études ...



Effets différés de la pénibilité du travail sur la santé des agriculteurs

Dans le dernier numéro de Connaissance de l'emploi (Centre d'études de l'emploi et du travail), publié en novembre 2025, A. Mocquin se penche sur les effets différés de la pénibilité du travail des agriculteurs sur... L'article Effets différés de la pénibilité du travail sur la santé des agriculteurs est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Le label EquuRES Bien-être au Travail : un outil concret face au défi RH de la filière équine

Dans un secteur où les métiers sont passionnants mais physiquement et mentalement exigeants, la question du bien-être au travail est devenue centrale. Amplitude horaire, charge physique importante, travail en extérieur, saisonnalité, recrutements complexes... la filière équine fait face à des défis RH structurels. Pour accompagner les employeurs dans ces évolutions, le label EquuRES Bien-être au Travail a été créé afin de proposer ...



Etude - Recrutement et fidélisation des saisonniers en agriculture : Territoire de Douaisis Agglo

Comment mieux recruter, intégrer et fidéliser les saisonniers en agriculture, tout en préservant leur santé et la performance des exploitations ? À partir d'observations de terrain et de témoignages d'employeurs et de salariés, cette étude de l'Aract Hauts-de-France met en lumière les leviers d'action concrets pour améliorer la qualité de vie et les conditions de travail des saisonniers agricoles sur le territoire de Douaisis A...

US Farm Safety Expert to Address 'Farm Risk Paradox' at Teagasc Seminar

Professor Florence Becot of Pennsylvania State University will present findings from recent research that highlights the need to broaden conventional approaches to farm safety outreach. The seminar, titled "Beyond Knowledge: Tackling Structural Barriers to Farm Safety through Extension", is part of the Humans in Agriculture: Research, Practice & Policy seminar series organised by Teagasc's Department of AgriFood Business and Spatial Analysis.



Robotiser pour gagner du temps, de la production et faciliter la transmission

Robotiser la distribution de l'alimentation pour le troupeau de 550 brebis est l'objectif recherché par Serge Masse à Chorges dans les Hautes-Alpes. Une nouvelle façon de travailler qui va permettre de gagner du temps pour se consacrer à d'autres tâches et plus encore.

Congress



XXXV Congreso Latinoamericano de Sociología

Es un gran placer invitarles a participar en el XXXV Congreso Latinoamericano de Sociología, que se celebrará en Río de Janeiro del 26 al 31 de julio de 2026. Será un encuentro decisivo para nuestra comunidad académica en un momento en que América Latina y el Caribe enfrentan desafíos urgentes para la democracia, la justicia social, la integración regional y el papel público de las ciencias sociales. El tema general del Congreso, ...



Webinaire REXCAP : Analyse de mon temps de travail en élevage caprin

En élevages caprins, maîtriser son temps de travail est un impératif. Pour cela collecter ses propres données aisément et bénéficier d'indicateurs de performance pertinents s'avère nécessaire pour renforcer la prise de décisions quotidiennes, maîtriser la rentabilité de son élevage et anticiper ses projets d'avenir. Le réseau REXCAP vous propose de faire le point sur ce thème, avec l'intervention de Christine Guinamard de l'Institut ...



[Replay] Conditions de travail et mobilité des migrants dans le secteur agricole et alimentaire, dans divers pays

Le webinaire organisé par l'association internationale sur le travail en agriculture (IAWA) a abordé les conditions de travail, la mobilité des travailleurs agricoles migrants et les menaces que font peser les politiques actuelles sur la continuité des activités agricoles, en particulier celles qui nécessitent une main-d'œuvre importante. Ces politiques mettent en danger non seulement les systèmes alimentaires dans de nombreux ...

[Pause travail] PINSMOI : Sortir de la difficulté en agriculture

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16th World Congress of Rural Sociology and 64th Congress of the Brazilian Society of Rural Economics, Management and Sociology

October 1 to December 18, 2025 Submission of ABSTRACTS to the working groups from the World Congress of Rural Sociology - IRSA January 15 to March 15, 2026 Submission of proposals for self-organized sections for both congresses January 19 to March 31, 2026 Submission of FULL PAPERS and EXPANDED ABSTRACTS for the working groups of the Congress of the Brazilian Society of Rural Economics, Management and Sociology - S...

Ethical trade market mechanisms to promote health and safety in agriculture

Through this latest SafeHabitat policy workshop, we will debate and share perspectives among stakeholders and policymakers directly involved in ethical trade market mechanisms and their impact on occupational safety and health (OSH) and decent working conditions in the EU agriculture sector and beyond. We will draw on selected European and international examples and provide agriculture and occupational health and safety stakeholders with the opportunity to exchange knowledge and perspectives on how working conditions in farming can be ...



People in Agriculture Research, Practice

Prof. Florence Becot will provide a seminar on the topic 'Beyond Knowledge: Tackling structural barriers to farm safety through extension'. High rates of occupational injuries in agriculture persist, but not simply due to lack of knowledge. Decades of research reveal who gets hurt and how, and many farmers know someone who has suffered a serious injury or death. So where is the disconnect—the so-called "farm risk–farm safety pa...

Let's Talk Sheep - Planning for the winter housing, labour and nutrition

Wednesday, 10 December 2025 | 8pm This episode of Let's Talk Sheep will focus on planning for the winter housing, labour and nutrition. Webinar host Ciaran Lynch, Teagasc Sheep Specialist will be joined by Michael Gottstein and Damian Costello, Teagasc Sheep Specialist.

Call for Papers



3è Symposium International sur le travail en agriculture - Appel à communications

Cette troisième édition de l'ISWA est consacrée aux défis actuels et futurs du travail en agriculture du point de vue de la recherche, des politiques et des pratiques. Les crises mondiales, les changements structurels et l'évolution des dynamiques de l'emploi nécessitent une attention particulière afin de répondre aux besoins des politiques. L'ISWA rassemble des chercheurs, des praticiens et des décideurs afin de promouvoir des ...

Les thèmes appelés des 3R 2026

Lors de chaque édition des 3R, le comité 3R définit des thèmes particulièrement innovants ou d'actualité. Retrouvez ici les 5 thèmes 2026.

Publications

Beyond human health – Exploring farmers' perspectives on pesticides in Swiss agriculture

Farmers face numerous challenges and hazards that may affect health. Plant protection products (PPPs) are often investigated and criticized in terms of their effects on human and environmental health. However, research and public debates seldomly discuss farmers' perspectives on plant protection-related health risks. Using qualitative methods, including semi-structured interviews with 28 farmers, ethnographic observations, and one 3-day farm visit, we examined how farmers perceive and manage health risks related to PPPs and other plant ...



El trabajo en la producción de limón en la provincia de Tucumán

La situación actual del sector limonero, caracterizado por una superficie productiva en retroceso, una mayor proporción de fruta destinada a su procesamiento industrial y la adopción eventual de máquinas cosechadoras, hace prever una disminución en la cantidad de puestos de trabajo totales. Al mismo tiempo, es probable un aumento gradual en el número de cosecheras y en la demanda de algunos trabajadores especializados en la operación ...

Gendered labor mobility and terrace grain conservation: How female off-farm transfer reduces non-grain production in fragmented mountain agroecologies

Grounded in feminist political ecology and utilizing a survey of 2085 rural households across diverse mountainous regions, this study deciphers the counterintuitive relationship between non-agricultural labor transfer (NALT) and terrace non-grain production (NGPT) through gendered labor divisions. Results reveal that NALT suppresses NGPT via dual pathways: remittance income reduces risk appetite for cash crops (income effect), while labor scarcity drives adoption of small-scale machinery favoring grain cultivation (substitution effect). ...

Slave-Like Labor in Rural Southern Brazil: Insights from a Roundtable Discussion

This regional roundtable addresses the persistence of slave-like labor in rural areas of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil—a theme brought to national attention following two major rescue operations in early 2023. On February 22, 208 rural workers were freed in Bento Gonçalves, followed two weeks later by the rescue of 85 others in Uruguaiana. These events sparked public debate and institutional concern over exploitative labor conditions in the region. The roundtable, held in Dom Pedrito in July 2023, brought together local experts, activists, ...

Financial and mental health challenges in agriculture: Key informants' perspectives on farmers' ability and willingness to seek help

As mental health challenges in agriculture have become more visible in recent years, farm organizations, farm service providers, and government agencies have invested in programs and resources to alleviate these challenges. Yet, these investments have overall been made with limited understanding of farmers' ability and willingness to engage with mental health support. Even less is known about how farmers engage with financial support despite financial challenges being a major stressor. In this paper, we leverage data from 59 interviews ...

An inquiry into labor conditions across key rural sectors in Africa

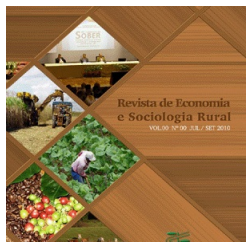
While agriculture remains a key source of livelihoods in rural Africa, employment in other economic sectors is gaining in importance. However, details of the labor conditions are under-researched. Here, we examine labor conditions in different sectors of the rural economy using survey data from wage workers and key employers in Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, and Zambia. We find that close to 60% of the adult population are self-employed in agriculture or small non-agricultural businesses, whereas only 7% are wage-employed. Over 60% of those ...

Updates to how women farmers are counted in the census of agriculture

The USDA Census of Agriculture is the most comprehensive source of data on US farmers, but ongoing alterations to how demographics are measured and reported has created challenges for interpretation. For example, previous changes to the number of farmers counted on each farm led to misunderstandings and potential misrepresentation of women farmers as an extremely quickly growing demographic. An additional notable change occurred in the transition from the 2017 to the 2022 Census of Agriculture—specifically, the USDA National Agricultural ...

Labor constraints and technological change: How labor shortages accelerate the adoption of labor-saving technologies among smallholder farmers

This study examines the constraints posed by labor shortages, rising costs, and regulatory barriers on the adoption of labor-saving technologies among facility vegetable farmers in China. Based on an empirical analysis of 1147 farm surveys, we find that labor cost and supply pressures significantly increase both the willingness and intensity of technology adoption, especially among larger farms and when supported by adaptable technology dissemination systems. In contrast, regulatory constraints exhibit a weaker influence, and existing ...



The impacts of undernutrition on labor productivity: empirical evidence for rural area in Brazil

This article investigates the impact of undernutrition on labor productivity in rural Brazil by analyzing the Nutritional Poverty Trap (NPT). It examines the effects of vitamin A, B1, B2, iron, and calorie intake on the income of household heads across the Agricultural, Non-agricultural, Self-employed, and other employment sectors. A variation of the Dubin and McFadden (1984) method is employed to correct for selection bias using ...

Human Resource Management impediments in Lesotho small-scale Agri-business

Entrepreneurial companies depend on their ability to create innovative and improved products and services and be capable of moving quickly in the event of market opportunities. Unless the appropriate people are present and well-managed, competitive advantages become hard to sustain. Lesotho agribusiness companies are not different. The government recognizes agriculture as a very significant sector due to its huge contribution to employment creation. Despite its significance, agricultural companies in Lesotho struggle with several Human Resource Management challenges that stem from both global agricultural trends and Lesotho's specific context. This article examines these challenges through the lens of selected small scale farms within Maseru District. The findings of the study confirm that HRM challenges in small-scale family-owned farms in Lesotho are consistent with those outlined in broader agricultural literature. Issues such as job insecurity, casual recruitment, limited training, poor performance evaluation, and ineffective communication result in workforce instability and inefficiencies were identified. To address these issues, systematic recruitment practices should also be applied and these farms should implement written employment contracts for enhanced job security. Formal training sessions coupled with collaboration with agricultural schools would improve the skill set of employees.

Temporary farmworkers at the center of agricultural workforce. An analysis of labor segmentation in French agriculture

Existing literature suggests that temporary wagedworkers with diverse profiles and employment statuses are increasingly recruited in European and North American agriculture. We examine the resulting segmentation of the agricultural labor market in France and its specific national characteristics using a framework that mobilizes tools from several institutional labor and agricultural social science approaches. Our mixed methodology articulates data from social security databases and a field case study. Our results highlight the growing proportion ...

Striving for Rural Heat Resilience: A Systematic Literature Review

Extreme heat, an increasing cause of weather-related deaths worldwide, poses escalating risks to both urban and rural communities. While urban heat and its impacts have received scholarly and practitioner attention for decades, rural heat has tended to be overlooked. To address this, we conducted a systematic literature review using Scopus, yielding 52 articles specifically addressing extreme heat in rural communities in the United States, Canada, and Australia. This review synthesizes the impacts of extreme heat on rural communities and ...

The effects of ongoing internal immigration enforcement on the US agricultural labor supply

We demonstrate that unexpected increases in enforcement have a temporary but costly impact on labor supply among noncitizen farmworkers. Analyzing Current Population Survey data and immigration-relat...

Employment and Labour Productivity in Agriculture – Evidence from Poland

The objective of this article is to estimate potential surpluses of 'unproductive' employment in Polish agriculture and its potential 'optimum', assuming that optimal employment occurs when GVA per employee in this sector is equal to GVA per employee outside agriculture. Design/methodology/approach: The article considers employment in Polish agriculture as a whole and in voivodeships in the context of labour productivity. The aim is to find the level of employment in agriculture at which GVA per employee in agriculture will be equal to ...

Temperature and Farm Labor in Nigeria

We estimate the impact of temperature shocks on the composition of farm labor in rural Nigeria using a nationally representative household panel survey. Leveraging plausibly exogenous year-to-year variation in growing season temperatures, we find that warmer temperatures significantly alter farm labor composition, prompting a substantial shift away from hired labor toward family labor. Interestingly, the displaced hired labor is not easily absorbed into non-farm sectors in the short term; instead, high temperatures also reduce household ...

Trayectorias y experiencias de campesinas veracruzanas (México) en cuanto al trabajo y los cuidados

El objetivo del presente artículo es el de explorar las trayectorias laborales y de cuidado de campesinas del agro veracruzano, analizando cómo el capitalismo y el sistema sexo/género configuran la sobrecarga de trabajo y la explotación de estas mujeres. Implementando una metodología etnográfica, se llevó a cabo trabajo de campo durante distintos períodos de tiempo en los municipios de Tuzamapan y Tlaltetela, ubicados en la zona centro de Veracruz (México), lo que permitió la recopilación de testimonios de mujeres que evidencian la intersección ...

¿Somos tan diferentes?

El objetivo central del artículo es abordar cómo la transformación y persistencia de la cuestión meridional[1] en España, es decir, su posición de integración subsumida dentro de la Unión Europea, ha propiciado la consolidación, en el sur de España, de modelos de organización del trabajo más cercanos a las categorías analíticas empleadas en el sur global que a las categorías clásicas centroeuropeas derivadas del desarrollo de las teorías de la regulación, que se originaron en Francia a partir de los años setenta del pasado siglo. La principal ...

Working on the farm: acts of citizenship and accommodative resistance

Source:CITIZENSHIP STUDIES (),17 DOI:10.1080/13621025.2025.2597930Abstract:This paper considers how a now-defunct group of council housing tenants in 1980s Tottenham, North London, contested the authoritarian and neoliberal policies of Thatcher's Britain. It recounts the history of the Broadwater Farm Youth Association, a diverse and multi-racial group of activists living on Broadwater Farm, and focuses on their resistance accommodating and against the local state. The paper then considers how acts of citizenship theory is complicated ...

Labour Dynamics, Factor Substitution and Capital Adoption in Sub-Saharan African Agriculture

Ongoing structural transformations in many Sub-Saharan African (SSA) economies are driving changes in labour inputs and wages, likely influencing smallholder agriculture and the direction of agricultural intensification processes. At the same time, the adoption of capital-intensive technologies still remains puzzlingly low. This article, therefore, explores how smallholder farmers in Ghana, Tanzania and Malawi adapt their mix of production factors in response to evolving regional wage conditions. In particular, we investigate the nature ...

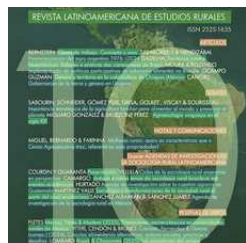
The impact of agri-environmental measures on farms' costs, labour and income

Abstract: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, ...



Género y territorio en la cafecultura: el rol de las mujeres en la Unión Majomut en Chenalhó, Chiapas (México)

Este artículo analiza la participación de las mujeres indígenas en la organización cafetalera Unión Majomut en Chenalhó, Chiapas (México). A partir de un enfoque de género y territorio, se estudian las formas en que estas mujeres se integran a los procesos productivos y organizativos, así como los retos y oportunidades que enfrentan. Dicha organización se caracteriza por la participación mayoritariamente masculina; sin embargo, ...



Mujeres rurales: ¿qué características recoge el Censo Agropecuario de Brasil en relación con sus propiedades?

Aún hoy, las mujeres necesitan reafirmar su importancia frente a las propiedades rurales, por lo que el objetivo de este estudio fue analizar las características relativas a las propiedades rurales dirigidas por mujeres. Para ello, se utilizó la estadística descriptiva para cuantificar la información sobre las propiedades rurales dirigidas por mujeres indicadas en los Censos Agrícolas de 2006 y 2017. El perfil de las propiedades ...