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H-2A Worker

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FOCUS : l'encadrement du travail agricole migrant aux États-Unis

Paru en février 2026 dans Choices, un dossier montre que le programme américain H-2A, créé en 1986 pour encadrer le recours à la main-d'œuvre étrangère saisonnière, est devenu l'un des principaux dispositifs de recrutement en... L'article FOCUS : l'encadrement du travail agricole migrant aux États-Unis est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Arbres, agroforesterie et normes professionnelles

Un article paru en mars 2026 dans Land Use Policy s'intéresse à des agriculteurs anglais ayant fortement développé la couverture arborée de leurs exploitations. Il montre comment la figure du « bon agriculteur », entendue comme une... L'article Arbres, agroforesterie et normes professionnelles est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



Évolutions du métier d'expert foncier, agricole et forestier

Un article de Statistique et société, mis en ligne en février 2026, s'intéresse aux experts fonciers, agricoles et forestiers. Cette profession réglementée est chargée d'établir la valeur vénale des terres, mais aussi d'évaluer des dommages... L'article Évolutions du métier d'expert foncier, agricole et forestier est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.

Why good people working on dairy farms are value for money

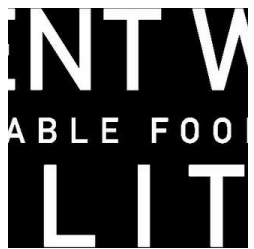
Wages often represent a significant cost on dairy farms and can appear to be an obvious area to target. However, as explained by Martina Gormley, Dairy Specialist, good people working on dairy farms can represent value for money.

Prioritising farm safety

Recent interactions with clients over the last few weeks have highlighted the risks that farmers still take in terms of farm safety. Andy Ryder, Drystock Advisor, Teagasc Westport, shares key advice to farmers as they enter the busiest period of the year.

Managing Labour on Farm: Lessons from the McCarthys

With many beef farmers balancing part-time work off the farm, this episode marks the first in new monthly series on The Beef Edge Podcast 'Managing Labour on Farm'.



2026 The International Year of the Woman Farmer

This year marks the International Year of the Woman Farmer, a timely moment to spotlight the crucial role women play in sustaining agrifood systems, yet their labour remains undervalued, underpaid, and often invisible. Across the world, women are engaged in every part of agrifood systems. They grow crops, raise livestock, process food, trade in markets, and sustain household nutrition. Globally, around 40% of working women are ...



« Plus de taux et de temps avec la monotraite »

Le Gaec de la Rousselière pratique la monotraite et a relevé les taux à 43/35 pour optimiser la matière utile en transformation fromagère et simplifier le travail.



3,2 millions d'emplois en équivalent temps plein dans les filières agroalimentaires

Le réseau mixte technologique (RMT) Filarmoni a publié en décembre 2025 une évaluation du volume d'emplois liés aux filières agroalimentaires françaises : en 2022, 3,2 millions d'équivalent temps plein (ETP) travaillaient dans les secteurs allant... L'article 3,2 millions d'emplois en équivalent temps plein dans les filières agroalimentaires est apparu en premier sur Blog de veille du Centre d'études et de prospective.



En céréales et fruits, leur travail ne paie plus

Sur leur ferme diversifiée, Thierry et Vincent Jurdic travaillent avec passion. Mais depuis trois ans, les difficultés s'accumulent. Et les revenus sont insuffisants.

Putting women at the center of agrifood transformation: Lessons from Odisha, India

Key takeaways •Odisha has embedded gender equity into its development agenda, with extensive programs focused on women and nearly half



Decent work in agriculture: Workshop on ILO agri-food guidelines

Advancing decent work across global agri-food supply chains is no longer optional—it is a central test of whether companies are serious about human rights and sustainable food systems. A one-day workshop on the ILO Policy Guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the agri-food sector was convened by Ethical Trade Sweden (ETS) on March 3. Organized in collaboration with the IUF and Swedish unions, the event brought together ...



« Les clôtures virtuelles nous épargnent un gros travail »

Facilitant la gestion du pâturage sans pose ni entretien de clôture, l'offre de barrières virtuelles inventées par le norvégien Nofence s'étoffe. Son challenger, Monil, s'est lancé en 2022.



EARL Gadon : "Deux ateliers indissociables pour valoriser toutes les surfaces"

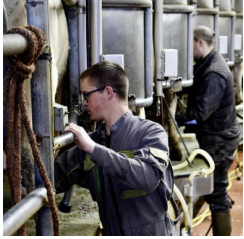
Exemple de fonctionnement d'exploitation ayant des cultures et des vaches allaitantes organisé pour gérer le temps de travail et rechercher les complémentarités entre cultures et élevage.

Signpost update: Balancing sheep farming with off-farm work commitments



Un accord entre employeurs et salariés pour améliorer les conditions de travail

Après deux ans et demi de négociations, un accord interbranche entre syndicats de salariés et employeurs a été adopté pour améliorer les conditions de travail en agriculture. Le texte devra s'appliquer auprès de tous les employeurs une fois qu'il sera signé par la ministre de l'Agriculture.



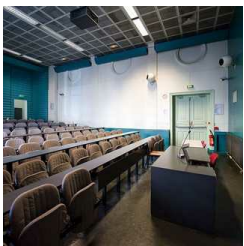
Des pistes pour attirer des salariés non issus du monde agricole

Le secteur agricole tente de recruter les personnes au chômage et en reconversion avec France travail notamment grâce à la formation courte.

Congress

Journée d'étude de la revue Activités du 5 novembre 2026

***** Journée d'étude : Intervenir à différents niveaux organisationnels : éclairages historiques, apports et perspectives pour la pratique Comité d'organisation : Julien Guibourdenche, Chloé Le Bail, Céline Poret, Yvon Haradji, Laurent Van Belleghem Date : Jeudi 5 novembre 2026 Lieu : CNAM, rue Gay Lussac, Paris ***** De plus en plus d'interventions et de recherches ...



Séminaire 2026 du CREAPT - Comprendre le vieillissement au travail : des processus plutôt que des seuils

La question du vieillissement au travail revient régulièrement sur le devant de la scène, notamment lors des réformes des retraites, des lois sur le travail ou la formation, des plans nationaux de prévention en santé-sécurité au travail. Le plus souvent, des catégories ou des seuils d'âge sont précisés afin d'identifier les populations concernées par un dispositif ou par une norme : âge minimal pour travailler, être exposé à certaines ...



[Replay] Le travail en transition : soutenabilité du travail dans l'installation en élevage

Comment les éleveurs récemment installés construisent-ils un travail soutenable ? Dans un contexte de remise en question des modèles agricoles et d'inquiétude sur le renouvellement des actifs, cette présentation, issue d'un travail de thèse, explore les premières années d'activité des éleveurs. À partir de 45 entretiens, nous montrons que la soutenabilité du travail résulte de compromis évolutifs entre différentes dimensions du ...

Call for Papers



Doctoriales santé et travail

Cet appel offre l'opportunité de présenter des travaux de recherche en cours ou achevés, soit dans le domaine de la santé, soit dans le domaine du travail. Les doctoriales santé et travail ont vocation à rendre visibles et accessibles les recherches les plus récentes et à instaurer un dialogue entre ces deux champs thématiques et entre les mondes académiques et professionnels sur les rapports entre la santé et le travail, dans ...

Special Issue on Jobs and the Agrifood System

Submission deadline: 30 September 2026 More and better job creation tops policymakers' agenda. The Agrifood System (AFS) is at the heart of this agenda. It employs one third of the workforce globally, rising to two thirds in low-income countries. However, many of these jobs are informal and low paying. As countries develop, the share of on-farm AFS employment declines, shifting off-farm to agri-MSMEs involved in agricultural input provision and services, agrifood processing and trading, and food services. In low-income countries, the ...



Migrations et marchés du travail

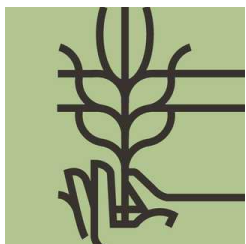
Les articles de ce numéro de la revue interrogeront à la fois les contextes nationaux ou régionaux et les secteurs économiques où les migrations sont essentielles, mais aussi les stratégies sociales, économiques, morales, émotionnelles ou encore digitales que les migrants développent pour prendre une place dans les marchés du travail des économies post-globales.

Publications

Making work for development what works for people: positive deviance for farmer-led adaptation to climate change

Source: JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & EXTENSION (), 24

DOI: 10.1080/1389224X.2026.2640929 Abstract: Purpose Working with livestock farmers in Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia, we explored how extension can better support actor-oriented, collaborative learning. We focused on locally-led adaptation solutions already working for livestock farmers affected by climate change, using positive deviance (PD). Our main research question was whether PD theory can be adapted to identify positive deviants whose uncommon solutions are a response to ...



Neglect or Protect Migrant Workers in Court? Courts and the Legal Protection of Migrant Workers in Farm-to-Fork Industries in Italy, Poland, Germany and the Netherlands. - DignityFIRM

Neglect or Protect Migrant Workers in Court? This comparative paper examines how courts in Italy, Poland, Germany, and the Netherlands shape the living and working conditions of migrant workers in farm-to-fork sectors, focusing on how judicial interpretation either restricts or expands the protection of migrant workers' rights. Within the broader DignityFIRM project—which studies the regulatory

Risky behavior analysis for tractor drivers: Evidence from tractor-related crashes in China

Publication date: March 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 123 Author(s): Guangnan Zhang, Junjie Lin, Baitong Li

Investigating robot acceptance in UK agriculture

Publication date: March 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 123 Author(s): Jack H. Grant, Zhuoling Huang, Leonardo Guevara, Wyn Morris, Louise Manning

From home to farm: Household and labour brokerage practices in Turkey's commercial agriculture

Publication date: May 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 124 Author(s): Luisa Lupo, Saniye Dedeoğlu

Shifting the narrative: Women farmers' agency at the land-labour interface in cocoa production

Publication date: May 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 124 Author(s): Claudia Coral, Katharina Löhr, Franziska Ollendorf, Bonna Antoinette Tokou, Constant Yves Adou Yao, Stefan Sieber

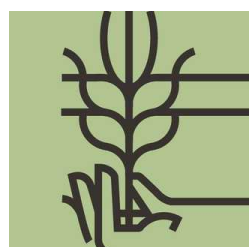
From awareness to action: Gender narratives to drive employment equity in Fiji's forestry and timber sector

Publication date: May 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 124 Author(s): Natalie A. Jones, Moana Masau



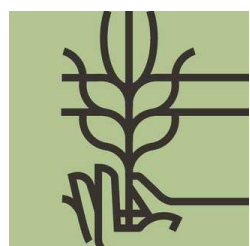
[Artículo] Espacio y trabajo en el polo oleaginoso del Gran Rosario, Argentina: dinámicas locales del régimen agroalimentario corporativo / Verónica Vogelmann y Julia Soul

El artículo tiene como objetivo analizar la relación entre espacio y trabajo en el Polo Oleaginoso de Rosario (Argentina) considerándolo como un spatial fix particular, inserto en el régimen agroalimentario corporativo conformado desde la década del 80. El doble proceso de expulsión/subsunción del trabajo que supone este spatial fix, se aborda a partir de la noción de prácticas espaciales para iluminar los modos en que las empresas, ...



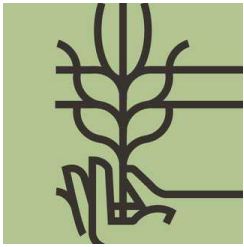
Policy Brief – Making Dignity Work in Farm-to-Fork: Closing EU Governance Gaps - DignityFIRM

Policy Brief – Making Dignity Work in Farm-to-Fork: Closing EU Governance Gaps Migrant workers are essential to Europe's agri-food systems, from harvesting and processing to logistics and delivery. Across Farm-to-Fork (F2F) sectors, foreign nationals disproportionately fill physically demanding and low-paid jobs, often under conditions shaped by contractual instability, limited access to services, language barriers and



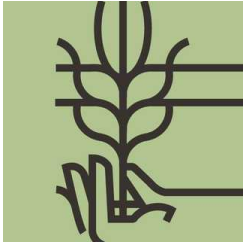
Policy Brief – Dignity for migrant workers in agriculture

Policy Brief – Dignity for migrant workers in agriculture The working and living conditions of agricultural workers are far from optimal. Their labour precariousness is not accidental; rather, it is... The post Policy Brief – Dignity for migrant workers in agriculture first appeared on DignityFIRM.



Temporary Workers, Permanent Dependence? The Local Battle over Migrant Labour in the Dutch Agri-Food Sector - DignityFIRM

Temporary Workers, Permanent Dependence? The Local Battle over Migrant Labour in the Dutch Agri-Food Sector Over the past decades, the dire working and living conditions of predominantly EU mobile workers has repeatedly raised concerns in the Netherlands. This report examines the working and living conditions of EU-mobile migrant workers in the agri-food sector of Greenport



Shades of Precariousness: Migrants' Labour Conditions in an Italian Fruit District

Migrants' Labour Conditions in an Italian Fruit District Conditions in an Italian Fruit District Shades of Precariousness: Migrants' Labour Conditions in an Italian Fruit District This country report examines how The post Shades of Precariousness: Migrants' Labour Conditions in an Italian Fruit District first appeared on DignityFIRM.

The invisibility of young people in family farming: a gender perspective in the semi-arid region of Ceará, Brazil | Cahiers Agricultures

Cahiers Agricultures est une revue scientifique sur les agricultures du monde, leurs évolutions et leur place dans les sociétés

Agroeconomic performance and labor dynamics associated with coffee and black pepper diversified cropping systems

Source: AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS 235 (), 17 DOI:10.1016/j.agsy.2026.104701 Abstract: CONTEXT: Robusta coffee and black pepper sustain the livelihoods of around 800,000 households in Vietnam's Central Highlands. Facing market fluctuations, farmers increasingly diversify cropping systems by combining coffee, black pepper, and fruit/nut trees. OBJECTIVE: To assess whether diversification improves land and labor productivity, profitability, and labor dynamics in coffee- and black pepper-based systems. METHODS: Survey data from 238 households were ...



Agricultural Exceptionalism: Development of a Labor Law Equity Index to Capture Variation in State Labor Protections for U.S. Agricultural Workers

Agricultural workers are often excluded from labor laws; while some states have expanded labor protections and health and safety rules for agricultural workers, many states have not. We developed an agricultural worker labor law equity index (LLEI) using legal epidemiology methods. The LLEI evaluates state laws related to 3 labor protection topics—workers' compensation, minimum wage, and overtime pay—across 39 states from 2001 ...

Proposed Immigration Reforms and Legalization of US Crop Workers

Agricultural producers in the United States (US) continue to rely heavily on farmworkers, especially for labor-intensive commodities in the fruit, vegetable, and horticultural sectors. Much has been written about the tightening of US farm labor markets over the last two decades, and many producers and policymakers have expressed concerns about attrition of the farm labor supply (Fisher and Knutson, 2012; Taylor, Charlton, and Y...

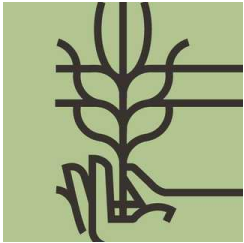


Trois éleveurs et un même objectif : gagner du temps

Trois éleveurs et un même objectif : gagner du temps Pâturage, automatisation, monotraite : ces éleveurs du Cantal ont changé leurs méthodes de travail pour gagner du temps au quotidien. La chambre d'agriculture du Cantal diffuse leurs témoignages en vidéos.

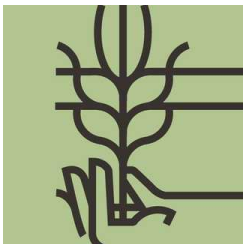
Farm workplace performance: beyond simplistic measures of efficiency and productivity to a balanced scorecard approach in the dairy sector | Animal Production Science | ConnectSci

A renewed focus on productivity of farming workplaces has occurred because of the increasing challenge of attracting people to work on farms. Current data suggest that productivity of New Zealand (NZ) dairy farm workplaces has not increased in the past decade; however, current efficiency and productivity measures are narrow in scope and may not provide a full picture. The aims of this study were to identify workplace performance measures that could be used in the dairy farming sector to improve productivity and improve workplace attrac...



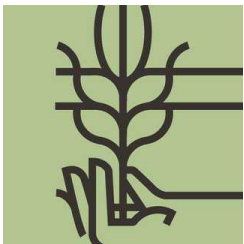
Working and living conditions of migrant agricultural workers in Morocco: Local actors' interactions and frames - DignityFIRM

Working and living conditions of migrant agricultural workers in Morocco: Local actors' interactions and frames This report aims to analyze the strategies and frames of key actors in the agricultural sector namely in two municipalities, Sidi Bibi and Khmiss Aït Amira, in the province of Chtouka Aït Baha, Souss-Massa region. It examines specifically the strategies



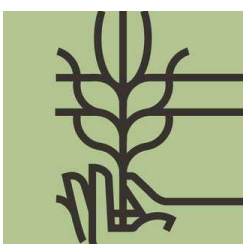
The Social & Health Rights of Migrant Workers in Agriculture and Food Delivery Work in Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain - DignityFIRM

The Social & Health Rights of Migrant Workers in Agriculture and Food Delivery Work in Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain This DignityFIRM Comparative Working Paper examines the social and health rights of migrant workers in the agricultural and food delivery sectors in four EU Member States: Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, and Spain. With a



Simplification vs. Sustainability? How social sustainability can benefit migrant workers and enhance competitiveness of Farm to Fork sectors - DignityFIRM

Simplification vs. Sustainability? How social sustainability can benefit migrant workers and enhance competitiveness of Farm to Fork sectors Amid rising geoeconomic and geopolitical tensions, simplification has emerged as a central policy priority for the European Union (EU) under the current 2024-2029 policy cycle. In a push to boost competitiveness and economic growth, mandatory sustainability requirements



The working and living conditions of migrant workers in the agricultural sector. Chtouka as a case study - DignityFIRM

The working and living conditions of migrant workers in the agricultural sector. Chtouka as a case study This report aims to explore the actions and strategies of the main actors involved in the agricultural sector in two territorial communes, Sidi Bibi and Khmiss Ait Amira, in the province of Chtouka Ait Baha, the region of

Reshaping Labor Intermediation: An Integrated Workforce Management Strategy to Contrast Agricultural Workers' Exploitation in Italy

Labor exploitation within agri-food supply chains poses significant ethical and managerial challenges, particularly in Mediterranean contexts where irregular employment practices persist. This study investigates the case of NoCap, a third-party ethical certification initiative operating in Italy that integrates social responsibility into agricultural labor governance. By addressing structural dysfunctions such as informal labor markets, precarious working conditions, and power asymmetries along the supply chain, NoCap offers a multidimensional ...

Effects of farm size and labour type on the welfare of dairy cattle according to the Welfare Quality® protocol | Large Animal Review

This study aimed to determine the welfare of 24 dairy cattle farms with the "Welfare Quality®" (WQ) protocol. Seven small-scale farms (6-25 dairy cattle), 8 medium-scale farms (26-100 dairy cattle), and 9 large-scale farms (101+ dairy cattle) were used to determine the effects of labour resources on animal welfare, farms were divided into 3 subgroups: i) Family farms (n: 11), ii) Family farms with hired workers (n: 7), and iii) Large enterprises with exclusively hired workers (n: 6). Farm size and labour-type had no effect on the four ...

Labour demand, economic profitability, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emissions: A comparative assessment of mechanization scenarios across yield gradients in oil palm crops in Colombia | OCL - Oilseeds and fats, Crops and Lipids

Sustainable intensification of perennial oil palm production systems requires balancing energy efficiency, economic profitability, greenhouse gas emission, and labour requirements. This study evaluated three mechanization scenarios (manual, semi-mechanized with standard capacity equipment's and semi-mechanized with high-capacity equipment's) across five yield levels (15–35 t FFB ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹; FFB = Fresh Fruit Bunches), based on data from 26 plantations in the Colombian Orinoquia Natural Region. Methodologies included energy analysis, economic ...

Women Labour Patterns in Agriculture in Rural Jharkhand: A Descriptive View | International Journal of Management and Development Studies

This study examines long-term trends in women's participation in agriculture in rural Jharkhand and rural India. Using Labour Bureau and Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data from 2011-12 to 2023-24, it highlights a steady rise in labour force participation post 2017-18, driven largely by women's growing involvement in agriculture. Rural Jharkhand consistently records higher participation rates than the national rural average, with a notable increase during the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-pandemic, it declines marginally, likely due to ...

Squats, camps et « ghettos » de l'« or rouge » : production de tomates, migrations saisonnières et encampement des travailleurs agricoles migrants en Italie du Sud

À rebours des procédés de spectacularisation mis en œuvre par les médias et les politiques, l'objectif de cet article est de tracer un lien entre les conditions de production des tomates destinées aux industries de transformation italiennes et les conditions de logement des saisonniers agricoles migrants du Mezzogiorno. Espaces de reproduction à bas coût d'une main d'œuvre nécessaire mais indésirable dès que le travail cesse, les squats et « ghettos » de l'« or rouge » apparaissent comme la manifestation d'une double réponse aux besoins ...

Intra-Household Decision-Making and Labor Dynamics in Diversified Cereal-Legume Cropping Systems in Northern Tanzania

Source:AGRICULTURE-BASEL16 (5),,21 DOI:10.3390/agriculture16050616Abstract:This study examined associations between two strip-cropping innovations, cereal-legume (Mbili-Mbili) and legume-legume (doubled-up legume, DUL), and intra-household decision-making, labor allocation, and control over production benefits among smallholder farmers in Babati, northern Tanzania. Household survey data were collected from 157 households using a multi-stage cluster sampling approach, capturing variation by gender, age groups, and household characteristics. ...



Participatory action research case studies. Migrant workers in food supply chain sectors. Wroclaw, Poland. Nomada Association - DignityFIRM

Participatory action research case studies. Migrant workers in food supply chain sectors. Wroclaw, Poland. Nomada Association This report is one of a series of three national case studies developed within the framework of the DignityFIRM project, coordinated by PICUM, the Platform for international cooperation for undocumented migrants. Each case study was led by a grassroots



Disputed space. The working and living conditions of migrant workers in the agro-industrial sector of Almería - DignityFIRM

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