



IAWA Newsletter

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- Gestion du temps et pénibilité du travail chez les dirigeants équestres et vitivinicoles
- Les filières de recrutement des saisonniers agricoles subsahariens
- En 2024, un agriculteur est décédé au travail tous les quatre jours
- Overworked, underpaid, and unprotected: New investigation exposes exploitation of banana workers in Guatemala
- Building momentum: Supporting women in agriculture
- 3,2 millions d'emplois en équivalent temps plein dans les filières agroalimentaires

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- 59th Annual Conference of the South African Society for Agricultural Extension, co-hosted with the Walter Sisulu University

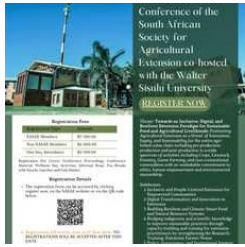
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59th Annual Conference of the South African Society for Agricultural Extension, co-hosted with the Walter Sisulu University

Date: 29 June – 03 July 2026 Venue: Potsdam Campus, East London, Eastern Cape Registration Fees SASAE Members = R5 500.00 Non-SASAE Members = R6 000.00 One Day Attendance = R2 500.00 Registration Fee Covers: Conference Proceedings, Conference Material, Wellness Day Activities, Informal Braai, Tea Breaks with Snacks, Lunches and Gala Dinner. Registration Details The registration form can be accessed [...] The post 59th Annual Conference ...

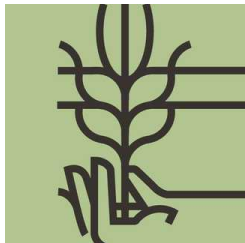
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59TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SASAE CO-HOSTED WITH WSU 29 JUNE – 03 JULY 2026 DEADLINE: 24 APRIL 2026 Submit stories to secretariat@sasae.co.za. We Invite farmers, practitioners, researchers, and advocates of sustainable agriculture to submit their inspiring stories or brief communications related to the conference theme: "Towards an Inclusive, Digital, and Resilient Extension Paradigm for Sustainable Food [...]" The post CALL FOR SUCCESS ...

Publications



Migrant labour in Farm-to-Fork: Fixing governance gaps, putting dignity at work - DignityFIRM

Migrant labour in Farm-to-Fork: Fixing governance gaps, putting dignity at work This Discussion Paper examines the structural conditions shaping migrant labour in Farm-to-Fork (F2F) sectors across the European Union. Drawing on insights from the DignityFIRM project, it analyses how governance gaps, policy fragmentation and socio-economic pressures contribute to persistent precarious working and living conditions for

Co-constructing justice-focused labor standards with diversified vegetable farmworkers and farm owners in the US Midwest

Source: FRONTIERS IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS 10 (2026), 13 DOI:10.3389/fsufs.2026.1814064 Abstract: Farmworkers and farm owners both find themselves increasingly squeezed in the current labor landscape of Midwest agriculture, with workers facing precarious labor conditions and with owners struggling to find employees. Amidst these challenges, what could farm labor justice look like on Midwest diversified vegetable farms-according to farmworkers and farm owners themselves? Through an applied research project involving focus groups and a feedback ...

Aligning labour force perceptions to job attraction, satisfaction and retention strategies in horticulture: A data-driven empirical study for Australian banana industry

Source: PLOS ONE 21 (4), 28 DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0344799 Abstract: Workforce stability in the banana industry is critical for productivity, fruit quality, and long-term sustainability. Labour shortages and high turnover can also lead to harvesting delays and handling inefficiencies, creating significant food waste in horticultural supply chains. Despite increasing policy attention, limited research has explored how job-related factors, workplace ergonomics, and labour force perceptions influence motivation, satisfaction, and retention. ...

Do gender differences affect the sustainable intensification of cultivated land use among farming households?--evidence from Shenyang, China

Publication date: May 2026 Source: Journal of Rural Studies, Volume 124 Author(s): Xiao Lyu, Yuan Liu, Wenlong Peng, Rui Yu

Ouvrage "Nouvelles formes de travail en agriculture"

Le travail agricole connaît aujourd'hui de profondes recompositions, à la croisée des transitions agroécologiques, numériques et sociales. Cet ouvrage collectif propose une analyse des nouvelles formes de travail en agriculture. Il éclaire les mutations en cours du métier, les conditions de travail et les enjeux de soutenabilité.



Internal frontiers and agricultural extraction: the racialisation of migrant labour in southern Italy

Source: RACE & CLASS (), 20 DOI:10.1177/03063968261437985 Abstract: This article examines migrant agricultural labour in southern Italy as a concentrated site of contemporary extractive capitalism. Focusing on the 2011 strike of migrant workers in Nardò (Apulia) and the subsequent Sabro trial, it argues that labour exploitation in European agriculture is not a marginal deviation or the result of criminal excess, but a structurally organised regime sustained through migration control, labour flexibilisation and territorial ...

Fabienne Goutille, Jacqueline Candau et Élisabeth Lambert (dir.), Exposition aux pesticides. Ce qu'en disent les sciences humaines et sociales

Cet ouvrage collectif fait suite aux troisièmes journées d'étude du réseau « SHS et pesticides », qui se sont tenues à Pessac en mars 2022. Il rassemble neuf contributions qui servent toutes une ambition générale : mobiliser les sciences humaines et sociales afin d'enrichir notre compréhension de l'exposition aux substances chimiques, à partir de l'exemple des pesticides. Ce faisant, ce livre démontre brillamment toute la fragilité ...

Lived experiences of heat stress among migrant agricultural workers in Spain: a qualitative study

Source: INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR EQUITY IN HEALTH 25 (1), 2026 DOI:10.1186/s12939-026-02850-x Abstract: Background Agricultural workers face high heat stress risk due to environmental and working conditions. Migrant agricultural workers (MAW) are especially vulnerable due to additional structural factors including irregular migratory status and high economic needs. Our study explores the lived experiences of occupational heat stress among MAW and its impact on health. Methods An interpretive, qualitative design was employed. Through purposive ...

Agricultural imports, labor mobility, and welfare

Source: JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS 161 (), 2026 DOI:10.1016/j.jinteco.2026.104256 Abstract: Using household- and firm-level data, we show that reductions in soybean tariffs lowered agricultural labor input and output, and improved agricultural efficiency. The shock induced a large reallocation of low-skilled labor into manufacturing, expanding firms' employment but reducing firm-level productivity, while intensifying competition in urban low-skilled labor markets. Our quantitative analysis implies a small aggregate welfare loss, with ...

Labor Reallocation as a Mediating Channel: Farmland Transfer and Household Financial Vulnerability in Rural China

Source: *ECONOMIES* 14 (4), 28 DOI:10.3390/economies14040129 Abstract: The reallocation of production factors, particularly labor, is central to understanding economic development and household welfare. This paper investigates how the transfer of farmland, a fundamental shift in factor endowment, affects rural household financial vulnerability, with a specific focus on the mediating role of labor mobility. While factor market liberalization is theorized to enhance efficiency, the micro-level pathways through which land transactions influence ...

Understanding stress factors in farming: A nationwide survey on occupational strain and mental health among Austrian farmers

Publication date: May 2026 Source: *Journal of Rural Studies*, Volume 124 Author(s): Elke Humer, Yvonne Schaffler, Brigitte Mracnay, Katharina Luttenberger, Christoph Pieh, Viktoria Neubauer



Guillaume Lecœur, Le travail comme performance. Critique d'une conception dominante du travail

Dans un contexte marqué par une « culture de la performance au travail » exigée des travailleurs, Guillaume Lecœur s'attelle dans cet ouvrage à l'étude des sources historiques, sociales et culturelles d'une telle injonction. Cela le conduit à retracer l'histoire de l'application de travaux scientifiques issus de la physiologie – cette sous-discipline de la biologie s'intéressant à l'étude de la fonction de chaque partie du corps – ...

Trapped Under the Orient's Night: Blind-Sourced Child Labour in Contract Tobacco Farming

Source: *JOURNAL OF AGRARIAN CHANGE* (), 19 DOI:10.1111/joac.70084 Abstract: This paper examines the organisation of child labour under contract farming in Oriental tobacco production in Turkey's Aegean region. Drawing on long-term fieldwork between July 2022 and July 2025, it argues that the post-2000 transition from state procurement to buyer-driven contracting restructured not only market coordination but also household labour regimes. Taking the household as a differentiated site of gendered and generational labour mobilisation, ...

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

Source: *JOURNAL OF RURAL STUDIES* 124 (), 12 DOI:10.1016/j.jrurstud.2026.104088 Abstract: Despite extensive scholarship on gender inequality in West African cocoa production, women's land and labour constraints are often treated as static outcomes rather than dynamic relational processes. This study draws on narrative analysis to examine the everyday experiences of Ivorian women cocoa producers, with particular attention to how access to land and the organisation of labour are co-constituted in practice. Women's participation in the cocoa sector ...