U.S. Farms & Work Force

- **2.17 Million Farms**
- **2.7 Million Hired Farm Workers**

### Youth Working In Agriculture

- 731,000 youth working
- 65% of youth working on a family farm
- 35% of youth working for non-family

### Hired Workers

- Hired workers perform an estimated 60% of the work on U.S. farms.
- About 80% of hired farm workers are foreign born.

### Farms with Sales ≥$1 Million

- 4% of all farms generate 2/3 of all products.
- 87% of farms are operated by families or individuals.
- 30% of farm operators are female.
- 22% of farm operators are "new" having been farming less than a year.

### Agriculture-related Deaths

- Across all industries, Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing has the highest rate of occupational deaths, followed by transportation, mining and construction.

- **480** farm work-related deaths occur per year for an annual rate of 22.2 deaths per 100,000 workers.

- **115** children ages 0-19 die each year.

- About 4/5 of these children were present in the workplace, but not working.

### Tractors

- Are the leading cause of death, with about 125 per year.

- Other deaths involve livestock, falls from heights, and suffocation from grain or gases.

### Agriculture-related Nonfatal Injuries

- Every day, about 38 children are injured and only 20% of them were working when injured.

- **Most common work injuries:**
  - Livestock
  - Falls from surfaces
  - Vehicles/Machinery

- Every day, about 167 agricultural workers suffer lost-work-time injuries and 5% of these involve permanent impairment.
Cost of Agricultural Injuries

The **annual cost** of occupational injuries in agriculture is **$8.3 BILLION** in medical costs and lost productivity.

The cost of youth deaths is **$420 MILLION** per year.

![8.3 BILLION $]

In **$1 bills**, if put end to end, those 8.3 billion dollars would stretch around Earth’s equator **31.5 times**.

$ The mean cost of a tractor overturn: **$1,000,000**

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**Injury Costs At One Farm Include:**

- Average reduced income by 30% (exceeds industry average)
- Loss of productive worker
- Loss of machinery that is broken or impounded
- Reduced production outputs impacted by disruption
- Emotional distress among witnesses and co-workers
- Hiring, replacement and re-training costs

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**Investing in Safety for Profits**

- Studies show a good safety program saves $4 to $6 for every $1 invested.
- Every $1 invested in tractor ROPS installation yields $3.75 investment return.

Providing a safe, secure work place is a shared value between employers and farm workers

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**Feeding the World**

The world will need about 70% more food by 2050 for the predicted 9.5 billion people.

![Efficient, productive and sustainable agriculture includes the preservation and well-being of agricultural workers at every level.]

Even the most efficient machinery and production systems require human operators.


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