

específico para la agricultura, que ha permitido importantes avances en prevención de riesgos en el agro, percibe también mejoras, por la implementación de sistemas de gestión de calidad y buenas prácticas, que impactan positivamente en las condiciones laborales del sector agrario.

El marco legal específico en prevención de riesgos para la agricultura (en Argentina y Brasil), y las normas y reglamentos de algunos otros países de la región que rigen a nivel general las distintas actividades económicas que por extensión son aplicadas a la agricultura, permiten avances, pese a lo cual, existe aún una elevada siniestralidad en el, lo que nos desafía a continuar mejorando los sistemas de gestión en prevención de riesgos en la actividad.

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Creating and strengthening knowledge in agricultural medicine and rural health **Farming Struggles and Triumphs: The effects of a unique business environment**

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The number of farming families in Australia has been declining for the last 20 years. Climate change, government legislation and policies are adding to the challenges. This study investigated the impact of work-family role conflict on farming family well-being, effective coping strategies and positive aspects of lifestyle. As available assessment tools aren't culturally relevant, an additional aim was to develop measures of work-family conflict, stressors, and coping strategies for Australia.

The first stage involved semi-structured interviews of farming families (N=30) from across Queensland and South-Eastern Australia. Interviews were audio-recorded and qualitatively analyzed to identify items relevant to the following areas: lifestyle, work-home interface, stressors, coping. The second stage distributed this candidate pool of items to members of farming families (N=200) to assess their relevance and importance to this population.

Preliminary results from interviews indicate lifestyle and good relationships are strong buffers for stress. Role ambiguity and property partnerships contributed to family conflict and dissatisfaction. Coping strategies included spending time with family, friends, and social drinking. Families perceive themselves as socially isolated from the Australian public and government due to their chosen occupation. There is a perception changes in the industry have had a negative impact on community connectedness, support, and gatherings, which has impacted negatively on satisfaction and lifestyle.

The number of farming families is decreasing and the industry is becoming increasingly difficult for farms to remain sustainable, yet some remain though primarily for lifestyle and children. The development of measures to assess stress and coping can help identify good and poor practices for farming families of Australia, giving guidance for those struggling and those considering entering the industry.

Work-family conflict; farming families; lifestyle; stress; well-being; coping