



Farmers4 Safety

Managing Risk Together

Farmers4Safety – Managing Risk Together EIP-AGRI research was undertaken by project manager Niamh Nolan along with the 6-part time farm mentor's to assess farmer's attitudes and behaviours towards farm safety, health and wellbeing. Irish Rural Link (IRL) are in partnership with the BRIDE (Biodiversity Regeneration in a Dairying Environment) project, the Duncannon Blue Flag Farming & Communities Scheme, the New Futures Farming Group, and the Health and Safety Authority in carrying out this piloted project in their catchment areas. The Farm Safety EIP-AGRI adopts a peer to peer mentor approach to engage farmers in an attitudinal and behavioural change towards farm safety by tackling and improving the social norms that surround farm safety, health and wellbeing.

This survey analysis gives you a flavour of the most noteworthy survey responses to date. We have gathered 152 Pre Evaluation and Attitudinal Survey Responses from Farmers/ Farm Families, 52 Attitudinal Survey Responses from Partners, and 28 Attitudinal Survey Responses from Service Providers (Vets, AI technicians, Scanners, Advisors). The Pre Evaluation and Attitudinal Surveys allow this Farm Safety EIP AGRI Project to gain a greater insight into Farmers/Farm Families attitudes and behaviours towards Farm Safety, Health and Wellbeing. Farmers4Safety – Managing Risk Together EIP AGRI Project has effectively engaged with 326 farmers to-date and in meeting with 326 farmers 33 subjects were mentioned when talking to the farmer's/ farm families on the ground. Each of the surveys took participants approximately 7 to 15 minutes to complete the survey. Below illustrates a flavour of some of our findings to date. To find out more information about our project visit www.farmers4safety.ie.



Key Findings: Survey Responses from Farmers/Farm Families

On average, how many hours of the week do you work on the farm?

30 - 40 hours	30%
41 – 50 hours	11%
365 days a year	1%
51- 60 hours	23%
60+ hours	31%
Less than 30 hours a week	4%

On a Scale of 1 – 10 how important is farm safety, health and wellbeing on your farm?
7 out of 10

How important is your health and wellbeing in carrying out jobs on the farm?
7 out of 10

How often do you monitor your mental health?

Monthly	6%
Weekly	14%
Never	57%
Quarterly	8%
Annually	15%

How often do you monitor your physical health and book a check-up with a doctor?

Monthly	4%
Weekly	1%
Never	19%
Quarterly	9%
Annually	67%

Do you take risks that you would not allow anyone else to take on the farm?

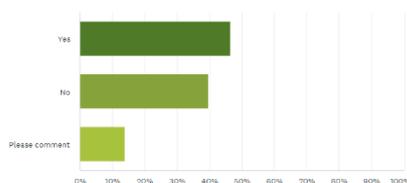
Yes	48%
No	52%

How many injuries/ near hits have occurred in the last three years on your farm?

Injuries/ Near Hits	46%
None	52%

Do you actively engage and implement your farm safety statement or farm risk assessment? (Tick the most appropriate)

Answered: 116 Skipped: 1



Do you actively engage and implement your Code of Practice Risk Assessment?

Yes	52%
No	45%



Key Findings: Survey Responses from Partners

Do you work on the farm?

Yes 59%

No 41%

Does your partner knowingly take risks on the farm?

Yes 35%

No 65%

Do you find it difficult to spend time with your partner when he/she is constantly working and thinking of the farm?

Yes 55%

No 45%

If something happens on the farm such as the death of an animal, machinery breaking down it can lead to pressures and anxieties in the household.

Strongly Agree 14%

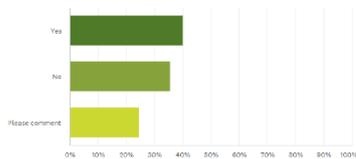
Agree 49%

Neither Agree nor Disagree 17%

Disagree 20%

Does your partner find it very difficult to trust people to do the farming for him/her when taking time off? (Tick the most appropriate)

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



Does your partner find it very difficult to trust people to do the farming for him/her when taking time off?

Yes 51%

No 49%

How often does your partner monitor his/her physical health and book a check-up with a doctor?

Weekly 0%

Monthly 8%

Annually 60%

Quarterly 10%

Never 22%

How often does your partner monitor his/her mental health?

Weekly 8%

Monthly 4%

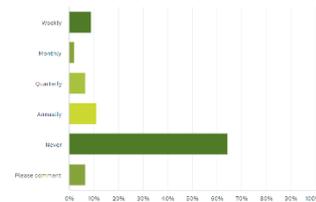
Annually 12%

Quarterly 8%

Never 68%

How often does your partner monitor his/her mental health? (Tick the most appropriate)

Answered: 44 Skipped: 0





Key Findings: Survey Responses from Service Providers

Do you think farmer's/farm families plan for safety, health and wellbeing on their farm on a regular basis?

Yes 33%
No 67%

On a Scale of 1 – 10 how important is farm safety, health and wellbeing on farms for farmers and farm families?

6 out of 10

Do you think farmer's/farm families actively engage and implement their Code of Practice Risk Assessment Document?

Yes 25%
No 75%

Do you and the farmer consider farm safety, health and wellbeing when on the farm?

Yes 87%
No 13%

Do you think farmer's/farm families knowingly take risks with animals/machinery?

Yes 79%
No 21%

Do you feel there is pressure from the farmer/farm family to carry out the task set out for you to do when on the farm?

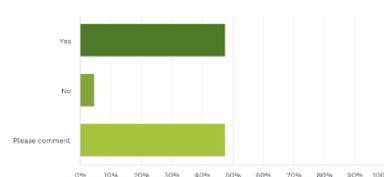
Yes 58%
No 42%

How often do you think farmer's/farm families monitor their overall mental health?

Weekly 0%
Monthly 4%
Quarterly 13%
Annually 33%
Never 50%

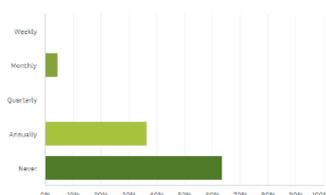
Do you think farmers and farm families knowingly take risks with animals/machinery? (Tick the most appropriate)

Answered: 21 Skipped: 1



How often do you think farmers and farm families monitor their overall physical health and book a check-up with a doctor? (Tick the most appropriate)

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



How often do you think farmer's/ farm families monitor their overall physical health and book a check-up with a doctor?

Weekly 0%
Monthly 4%
Quarterly 0%
Annually 25%
Never 71%



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