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Case studies

Module 1

Basic concepts of occupational health & safety in Agriculture

1. The Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (KRUS) - KRUS Prevention and Rehabilitation Office - as good practices - activity of the institution supporting social care and occupational safety of Polish farmers

The Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (KRUS) - KRUS Prevention and Rehabilitation Office - institution established to realize tasks connected with full servicing of farmers' social insurance. Office is managed by the President appointed by the Prime Minister on application of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The activity aimed at preventing work accidents in agriculture and farmers' occupational diseases by:

- analyzing causes of accidents;
- conducting free and voluntary trainings in health and life protection on a farm;
- popularizing knowledge on risk of accidents related to agricultural work;
- initiating implementation of safe production machinery and equipment used in farming as well as protective clothing.



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According to KRUS Prevention and Rehabilitation Office, during the whole year, among the reported accidents, the most common are falls of persons, accidents involving machines and devices, as well as bites and strikes by animals.

Fortunately Polish farmers are increasingly aware and apply the principles of health and safety on their farms. This translates into a smaller number of accidents that are reported to KRUS (in last 5 years about 13% less). The number of fatal (death) accidents is also falling (in recent years by 20%).

In the first half of 2019 most accidents causing damage to health were recorded in the groups:

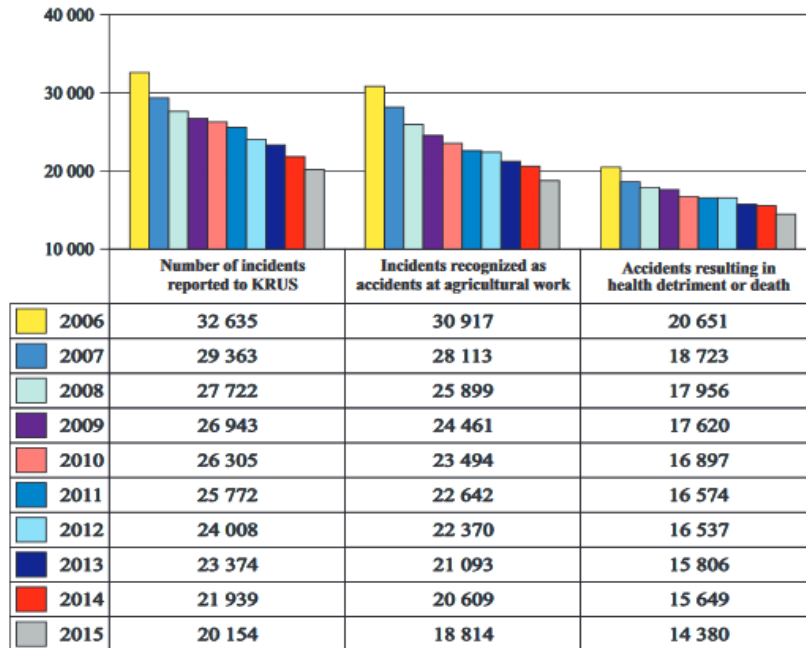
- fall of persons - 2,747 injured ;
- other events - 705 injured ;
- striking, crushing, biting by animals - 697 injured ;
- capture and striking by moving parts of machinery equipment - 689 injured.





Below we can find some statistics about accidents among Polish farmers between 2006-2015:

Number of accidents among farmers in the years 2006-2015



The number of accidents at agricultural work has been reduced.

This situation was influenced by economic changes in Poland as well as changes in farmers' mentality that occurred as a result of many years of impact regarding health and life protection made on rural population's awareness.



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Best practices

The KRUS project "Work safely"

The KRUS - Agricultural Social Insurance Fund project *Work safely* is training in occupational health and safety at the farm for farmers. The training course particularly discusses accidents related to falls of people.

The issues of social security for farmers are also presented, as well as the principles and mode of referral to therapeutic rehabilitation through KRUS. During the course farmers receive KRUS brochures and prevention leaflets.

"Farmer, tell the fellas to stop!" - the KRUS project

The fall is not a coincidence - under this slogan, the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund was carried out most of its prevention activities in 2018. "Falls of people" is a group of accident events which occur most often during work on farms. In 2017, the Fund paid 13,250 one-off compensation for accidents at work, about half of which (6,653) concerned "falls of persons". As a result, 12 farmers lost their lives.

Most accidents at work can be prevented if appropriate preventive measures are taken earlier. It is worth remembering that the improvement of work safety on a farm does not always require large financial resources.

Very often it is enough to be aware of the threats occurring on the farm and to eliminate them consistently. Safety is an invaluable value and an integral element of a well run farm.

The KRUS campaign was to an even greater extent intended to change farmers' awareness and attitudes towards preventing accidents at work and agricultural occupational diseases, and to contribute to reducing the number of accidents in agriculture.



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