AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING
INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT 2019

THE WORKFORCE

This industry covers a wide range of activities, separated into 15 groups:

- Poultry Farming
- Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming
- Dairy Cattle Farming
- Fishing
- Aquaculture
- Other Livestock Farming
- Deer Farming
- Fruit and Tree Nut Growing
- Mushroom and Vegetable Growing
- Forestry and Logging
- Other Crop Growing
- Nursery and Floriculture Production
- Agriculture and Fishing Support Services
- Forestry Support Services
- Hunting and Trapping

THE INJURIES

477 injuries across the industry in 2019

44% of injuries over the last ten years resulted in at least one week off work

10.8 serious injuries per million hours worked - 18% higher than the state average of 9.1

8% lower serious injury frequency rate in 2019 than ten years ago

THE PEOPLE

Workers aged under 35 years old reported the highest serious injury frequency rate

Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming reported the highest serious injury frequency rate at 22 serious injuries per million hours worked

1 in 3 workers seriously injured in the last 5 years worked in either Dairy Cattle Farming or Aquaculture

Farm, Forestry and Garden Workers reported 51% of all serious injuries

75% of workers are employed full time

THE CAUSES

The most common causes of injury across the industry:

- Body stressing
- Falls, slips and trips
- Being hit by moving objects
- Hitting objects with a part of the body

THE CAUSES (continued)

Priority conditions and causes identified in the WorkSafe Strategic Plan 2018-2023 relevant to the industry:

- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Slips, trips and falls
- Safe movement of vehicles and plant

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