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## HELPING THE SOUTH EAST REDUCE WORK SAFETY RISKS

SafeWork SA is taking its workplace safety message to Lucindale this weekend at the South East Field Days.

Work health and safety information will be available from SafeWork SA at the PIRSA shared stand.

Workers' compensation data shows that males aged 20-40 and 40-60 are those most likely to be injured at work in the Limestone Coast region, while agriculture records the highest proportion of injuries that lead to work injury claims.

Since 2012 there have been more than 5800 work injury claims made in the region.

The annual number of claims has fallen in the past few years, but some types of injuries, such as falls, body stressing and incidents involving vehicles, have not significantly decreased.

SafeWork SA Acting Executive Director Dini Soulio said cattle and dairy farming recorded the most injuries within the Limestone Coast's agriculture sector.

"In each of those years traumatic joint, ligament, muscle and tendon injuries were the most common, and body stressing and being hit by moving objects were the top causes of injury," he said.

Mr Soulio said SafeWork SA was working with Primary Producers SA to deliver a series of farm safety workshops across the state to address key work safety concerns.

The agriculture sector accounts for 4.5 per cent of South Australia's workforce but 19 per cent of workplace deaths. In addition, about nine primary producers per week are injured seriously enough to access workers' compensation.

"Our farm safety workshops are promoting practical safe work practices and helping farmers eliminate or minimise workplace risks," Mr Soulio said.

"We will have staff from SafeWork SA's Educator team at the Field Days to provide practical advice and information. They will also have copies of the *Farmers' Guidebook to work health and safety*, which was published in collaboration with Primary Producers SA."

For information about SafeWork SA's new free mobile work health and safety advisory service, which can visit your workplace, contact 1300 365 255 or visit [www.safework.sa.gov.au/freeadvice](http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/freeadvice)

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