

**Question for written answer E-001958/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Farm safety data

The fatality rate in agriculture is far higher than in any other workplace. Farmers represent only around 6 % of the total population, yet more than 60 % of deaths in the workplace occur among the farming community. The specific characteristics of agriculture lead to a persistently high level of fatal and non-fatal injuries among the farming community.

Last year in Ireland alone 30 people died in farm accidents, which mainly involved machinery and animals. Increased pressure on farmers, the ageing demographics of the farming sector and the numbers of farmers working alone could lead to an increase in the number of tragic incidents in rural communities.

Does the Commission have statistical data on the level of fatal and non-fatal injuries across the EU?

What action can be taken at the EU level to reduce the number of farm deaths and accidents?

What support is available to Member States to boost awareness of farm safety and increase training in relation to safety on farms?