Selected Findings for the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Sector From the 2010 National Health Interview Survey – Occupational Health Supplement (NHIS-OHS)



Background

In 2010, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), recognizing a growing need for current, national estimates on work-related health and safety conditions, sponsored an occupational health supplement (OHS) to the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

The interviewed sample adult component of the 2010 NHIS consisted of 27,157 persons, of whom approximately 17,524 had been employed in the past 12 months. The sample is designed and weighted to produce national estimates.

For more information on the NHIS and to access the 2010 NHIS data, please refer to the following website: (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm)

Purpose

This profile summarizes the 2010 NHIS-OHS data for the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector through figures and tables in an effort to provide sector leaders with information so they can better understand health and exposure burdens specific to their industry.

In the 2010 NHIS-OHS, the sample of those employed by the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector consisted of 269 persons, representing approximately 2.3 million workers. This profile summarizes the prevalence of selected health outcomes; work organization and psychosocial factors; and physical and chemical exposures among workers in the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector. All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing workers are compared to all U.S. workers combined, and comparisons are made among 5 Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsectors, although small sample sizes within several of the subsectors limit the reporting of some estimates.

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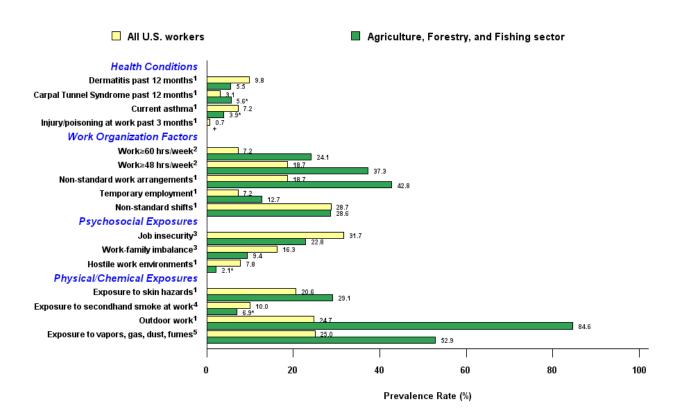
Table A. U.S. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector workers by subsector, 2010

Industry subsector	Census 2007 industry codes	Estimated Population Represented by Sample	% of U.S. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing workforce
Crop production	170	952,417	41.3
Animal production	180	757,396	32.8
Forestry and logging	0190, 0270	219,374	9.5
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	280	78,802	3.4
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	290	299,875	13.0
Total		2,307,864	100

Table B. U.S. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector workers by occupational category, 2010

	Census 2010 occupation	Estimated Population	% of U.S. Agriculture,
Occupational category	codes	Represented by Sample	Forestry, and
			Fishing workforce
Management Occupations	0010-0430	790,395	34.3
Building and Grounds Cleaning and			
Maintenance Occupations	4200-4250	46,492	2.0
Office and Administrative Support			
Occupations	5000-5940	138,822	6.0
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry			
Occupations	6005-6130	934,706	40.5
Production Occupations	7700-8965	39,281	1.7
Transportation and Material Moving			
Occupations	9000-9750	125,775	5.5
Other occupations		232,393	10.1
Total		2,307,864	100

Figure 1. Prevalence of selected health conditions; work organization and psychosocial factors; and physical and chemical exposures among U.S. workers (Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing sector vs. All U.S. workers, 2010)



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³Among U.S. adults who were employed in the week prior to interview.

 $^{^{}f 4}$ Among non-smoking U.S. adults who have worked in the past 12 months.

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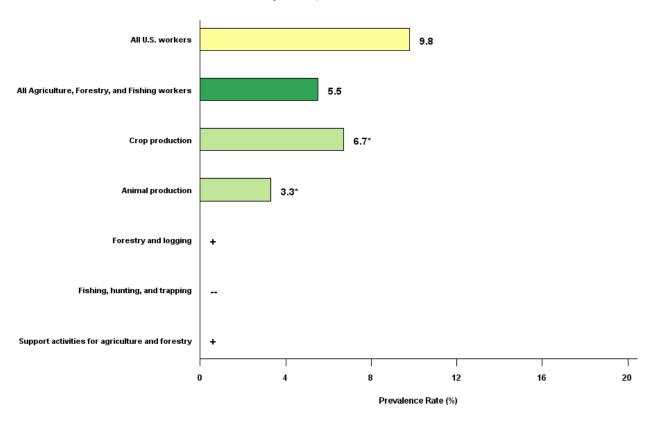
			All U.S. workers		Agricult	ure, Forestry, and	d Fishing
						sector	
		Prevalence (%)	Standard Error of Prevalence	95% Confidence Interval	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error of Prevalence	95% Confidence Interval
Health Conditions	Dermatitis in the past 12 months ¹	9.8	0.3	9.2-10.3	5.5	1.6	2.4-8.7
	Carpal tunnel syndrome in the past 12 months ¹						
		3.1	0.2	2.8-3.4	5.6*	2.6	0.6-10.7
	Current asthma ¹	7.2	0.2	6.7-7.6	3.9*	1.3	1.3-6.4
	Injury or poisoning at work in the past 12 months ¹						
		2.8	0.4	2.0-3.4	+	+	+
Work Organization Factors	Work 60 hours a week or more ²	7.2	0.3	6.7-7.7	24.1	3.5	17.2-31.0
1 4010.0	Work 48 hours a week or more ²	18.7	0.4	18.0-19.5	37.3	3.8	29.9-44.7
	Non-standard work arrangements ¹	18.7	0.4	18.0-19.4	42.8	4.0	35.0-50.7
	Temporary employment ¹	7.2	0.3	6.7-7.7	12.7	2.9	6.9-18.4
	Non-standard shifts ¹	28.7	0.5	27.8-29.7	28.6	3.4	21.8-35.3
Psychosocial Exposures	Job insecurity ³	31.7	0.5	30.8-32.6	22.8	3.2	16.4-29.1
	Work-family imbalance ³	16.3	0.4	15.6-17.1	9.4	1.8	5.9-12.9
	Hostile work environments 1	7.8	0.3	7.3-8.4	2.1*	0.9	0.4-3.8
Physical/Chemical Exposures	Exposure to potential skin hazards at work ¹						
		20.6	0.4	19.8-21.3	29.1	3.7	21.8-36.5
	Exposure to secondhand smoke at work ⁴						
		10.0	0.3	9.3-10.6	6.9*	2.3	2.5-11.4
	Exposure to outdoor work ¹	24.7	0.4	23.8-25.6	84.6	2.7	79.3-90.0
	Exposure to vapors, gas, dust, or fumes ⁵	25.0	0.4	24.2-25.8	52.9	4.3	44.5-61.2

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Figure 2. Prevalence of dermatitis in the past 12 months among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: During the past 12 months, have you had dermatitis, eczema or any other red, inflamed skin rash?



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Table 2. Prevalence of dermatitis in the past 12 months among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence	Standard	95%
	(%)	Error	Confidence
		of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	9.8	0.3	9.2-10.3
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	5.5	1.6	2.4-8.7
Crop production	6.7*	2.7	1.3-12.1
Animal production	3.3*	1.6	0.2-6.5
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping		-	
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	+	+	+

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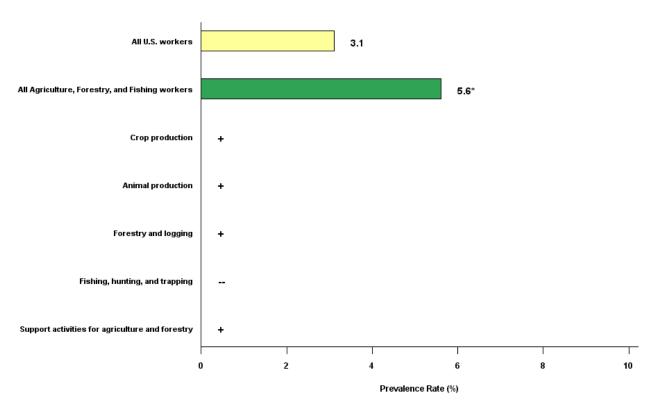
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Figure 3. Prevalence of carpal tunnel syndrome in the past 12 months among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you have a condition affecting the wrist/hand called carpal tunnel syndrome?

During the past 12 months, have you had carpal tunnel syndrome?



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	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error of Prevalence	95% Confidence Interval
All U.S. workers	3.1	0.2	2.8-3.4
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing workers	5.6*	2.6	0.6-10.7
Crop production	+	+	+
Animal production	+	+	+
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping			
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	+	+	+

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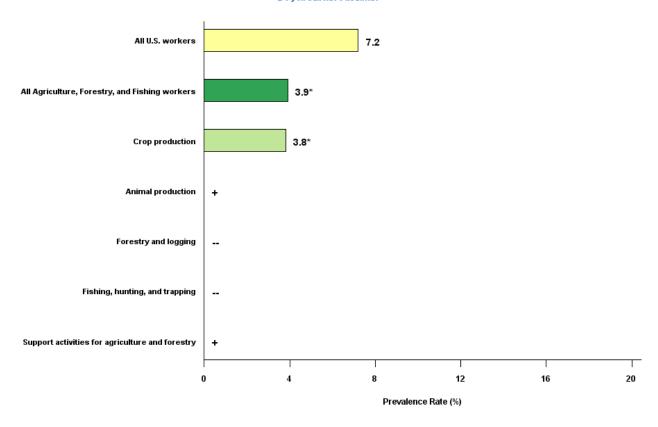
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Figure 4. Prevalence of current asthma among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: Have you ever been told by a doctor or health professional that you had asthma?

Do you still have asthma?



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	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of Prevalence	Interval
All U.S. workers	7.2	0.2	6.7-7.6
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing workers	3.9*	1.3	1.3-6.4
Crop production	3.8*	1.7	0.5-7.0
Animal production	+	+	+
Forestry and logging			
Fishing, hunting, and trapping			
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	+	+	+

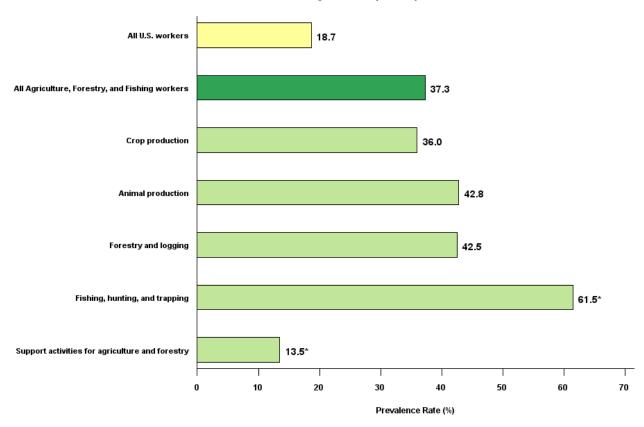
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Figure 5. Prevalence of Working 48 hours a week or more among U.S. adults working one job at the time of interview by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: How many hours did [person] work last week? (This question may have been answered by proxy because it was part of the Family Questionnaire. If the person was not at work last week, the person/proxy was asked about average work hours per week.)



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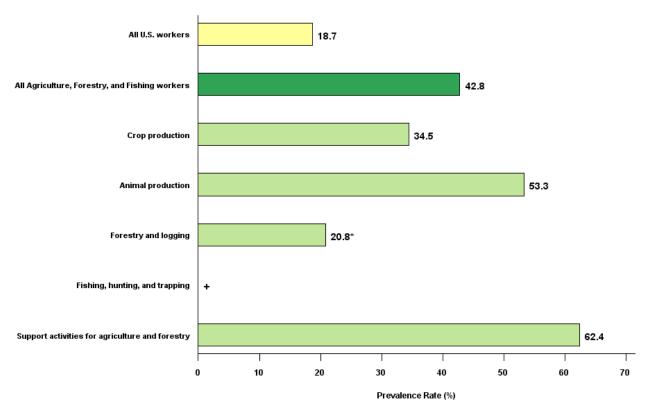
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All U.S. workers	18.7	0.4	18.0-19.5
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	37.3	3.8	29.9-44.7
Crop production	36.0	5.6	25.0-47.1
Animal production	42.8	6.4	30.1-55.4
Forestry and logging	42.5	12.5	18.0-67.1
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	61.5*	22.3	17.6-100.0
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	13.5*	6.2	1.3-25.7

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Figure 6. Prevalence of non-standard work arrangements among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: Which of the following best [describes/described] your work arrangement? (Non-standard work arrangement = independent contractor, independent consultant, or freelance worker; on-call, and [work/worked] only when called to work; paid by a temporary agency; or [work/worked] for a contractor who provides workers and services to others under contract)



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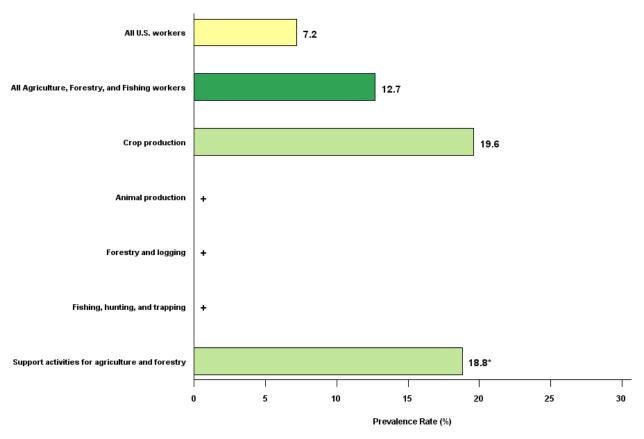
	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
	(70)	of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	18.7	0.4	18.0-19.4
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	42.8	4.0	35.0-50.7
Crop production	34.5	5.9	22.9-46.2
Animal production	53.3	5.7	42.1-64.5
Forestry and logging	20.8*	7.1	6.9-34.7
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	62.4	11.2	40.4-84.5

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Figure 7. Prevalence of temporary employment among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010





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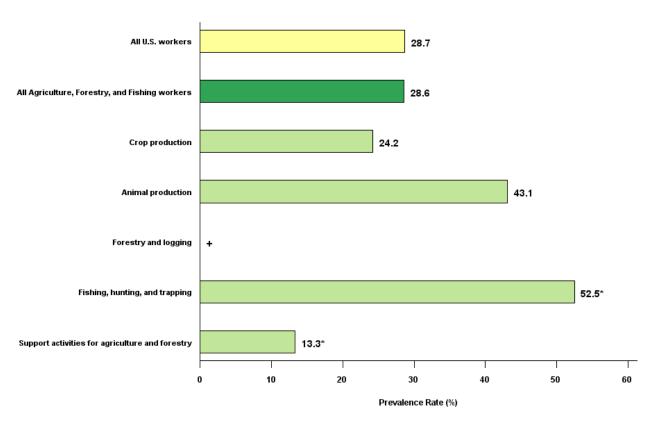
	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of Prevalence	Interval
All U.S. workers	7.0		6777
All U.S. Workers	7.2	0.3	6.7-7.7
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	12.7	2.9	6.9-18.4
Crop production	19.6	5.2	9.4-29.9
Animal production	+	+	+
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	18.8*	7.7	3.6-33.9

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Figure 8. Prevalence of non-standard shifts among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: Which of the following best describes the hours you usually [work/worked]? (Non-standard shift = a regular evening shift; a regular night shift; a rotating shift; or some other schedule not including a regular daytime schedule)



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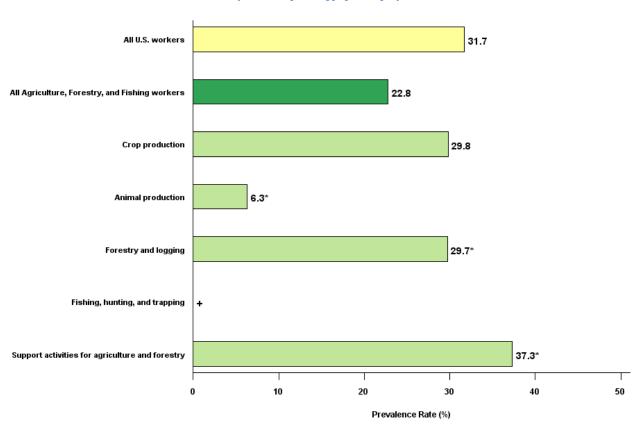
	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	28.7	0.5	27.8-29.7
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	28.6	3.4	21.8-35.3
Crop production	24.2	4.8	14.8-33.5
Animal production	43.1	7.8	27.7-58.4
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	52.5*	19.2	14.7-90.2
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	13.3*	6.6	0.3-26.3

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Figure 9. Prevalence of job insecurity among working U.S. adults by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: I [am/was] worried about becoming unemployed. (Job insecurity = strongly agree or agree)



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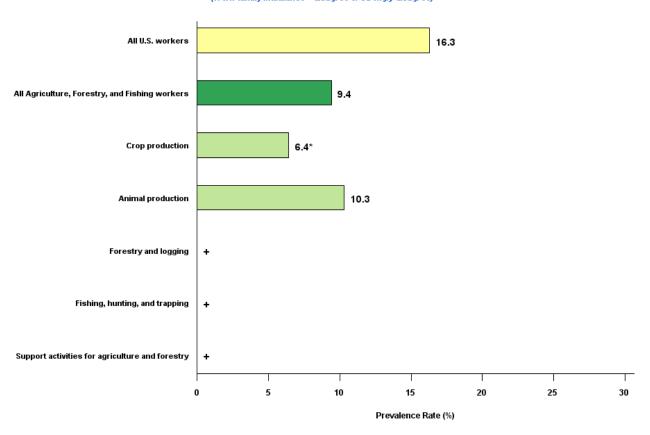
	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
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		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	31.7	0.5	30.8-32.6
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	22.8	3.2	16.4-29.1
Crop production	29.8	4.8	20.4-39.3
Animal production	6.3*	2.7	0.9-11.6
Forestry and logging	29.7*	11.4	7.3-52.0
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	37.3*	12.1	13.5-61.0

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Figure 10. Prevalence of work-family imbalance among working U.S. adults by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: It [is/was] easy for me to combine work with family reponsibilities. (Work-family imbalance = disagree or strongly disagree)



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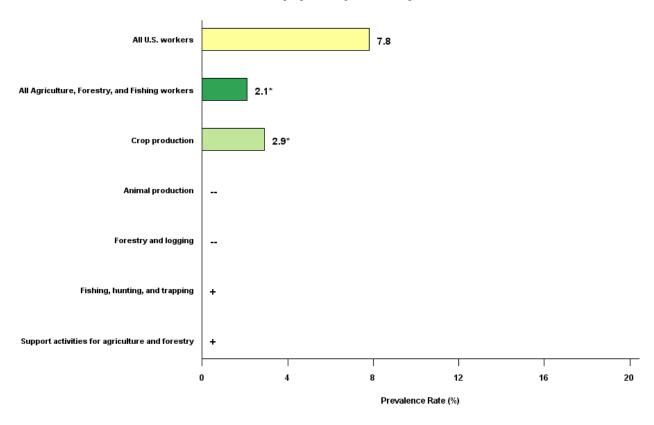
	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error of Prevalence	95% Confidence Interval
All U.S. workers	16.3	0.4	15.6-17.1
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing workers	9.4	1.8	5.9-12.9
Crop production	6.4*	2.2	2.1-10.8
Animal production	10.3	3.0	4.5-16.1
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	+	+	+

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Figure 11. Prevalence of hostile work environments among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: During the past 12 months, were you threatened, bullied, or harassed by anyone while you were on the job?



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⁻⁻ No cases detected, likely due to insufficient sample size.

Table 11. Prevalence of hostile work environments among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error of	95% Confidence Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	7.8	0.3	7.3-8.4
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	2.1*	0.9	0.4-3.8
Crop production	2.9*	1.3	0.4-5.4
Animal production			
Forestry and logging			
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	+	+	+

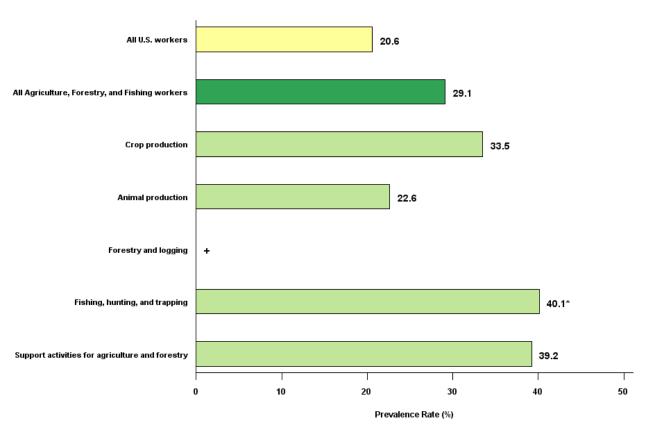
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⁻⁻ No cases detected, likely due to insufficient sample size.

Figure 12. Prevalence of exposure to potential skin hazards at work among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: During the past 12 months, did you regularly handle or were you in skin contact with chemical products or substances at work twice a week or more?



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Table 12. Prevalence of exposure to potential skin hazards at work among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	20.6	0.4	19.8-21.3
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	29.1	3.7	21.8-36.5
Crop production	33.5	5.5	22.7-44.3
Animal production	22.6	6.0	10.7-34.5
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	40.1*	19.0	2.6-77.5
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	39.2	11.6	16.3-62.0

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Figure 13. Prevalence of exposure to outdoor work among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: During the past 12 months, did you regularly work outdoors twice a week or more?

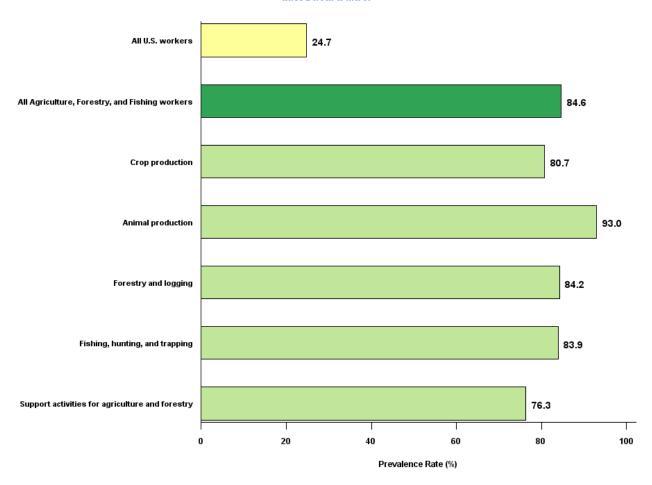
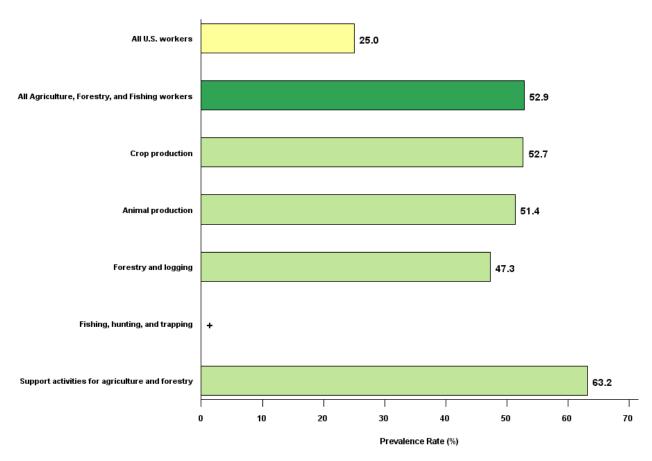


Table 13. Prevalence of exposure to outdoor work among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	24.7	0.4	23.8-25.6
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	84.6	2.7	79.3-90.0
Crop production	80.7	4.9	71.2-90.3
Animal production	93.0	3.3	86.5-99.5
Forestry and logging	84.2	7.6	69.3-99.2
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	83.9	11.8	60.7-100.0
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	76.3	8.7	59.2-93.4

Figure 14. Prevalence of exposure to vapors, gas, dust, or fumes among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: This next question refers to the job you held the longest. Were you regularly exposed to vapors, gas, dust, or fumes at work twice a week or more?



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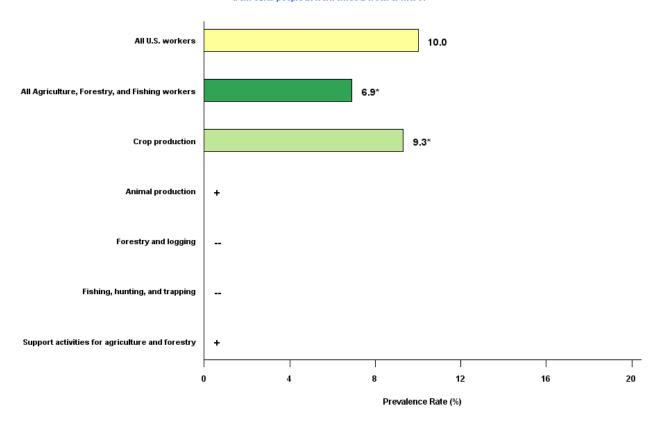
Table 14. Prevalence of exposure to vapors, gas, dust, or fumes among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	25	0.4	24.2-25.8
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	52.9	4.3	44.5-61.2
Crop production	52.7	5.9	41.1-64.4
Animal production	51.4	7.6	36.4-66.4
Forestry and logging	47.3	11.5	24.6-70.0
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	+	+	+
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	63.2	11.5	40.6-85.7

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Figure 15a. Prevalence of exposure to secondhand smoke at work among non-smoking U.S. adults by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: During the past 12 months, were you regularly exposed to tobacco smoke from other people at work twice a week or more?



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⁻⁻ No cases detected, likely due to insufficient sample size.

Table 15a. Prevalence of exposure to secondhand smoke at work among nonsmoking U.S. adults by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
		of Prevalence	Interval
All U.S. workers	10.0	0.3	9.3-10.6
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	10.0	0.3	9.3-10.0
workers	6.9*	2.3	2.5-11.4
Crop production	9.3*	3.8	1.9-16.8
Animal production	+	+	+
Forestry and logging			
Fishing, hunting, and trapping			
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	+	+	+

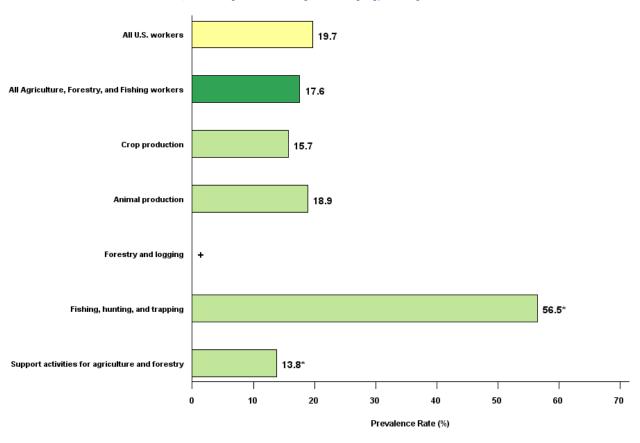
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Figure 15b. Prevalence of Smoking among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

NHIS Question: Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days or not at all?



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Table 15b. Prevalence of smoking among U.S. adults who worked in the past 12 months by Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing subsector, 2010

	Prevalence (%)	Standard Error	95% Confidence
	(**)	of	Interval
		Prevalence	
All U.S. workers	19.7	0.4	18.9-20.4
All Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing			
workers	17.6	2.6	12.5-22.8
Crop production	15.7	4.5	6.8-24.5
Animal production	18.9	4.8	9.5-28.3
Forestry and logging	+	+	+
Fishing, hunting, and trapping	56.5*	18.4	20.3-92.7
Support activities for agriculture and			
forestry	13.8*	6.1	1.9-25.7

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