

Mobile plant safety

Practices and perceptions on cotton-growing farms



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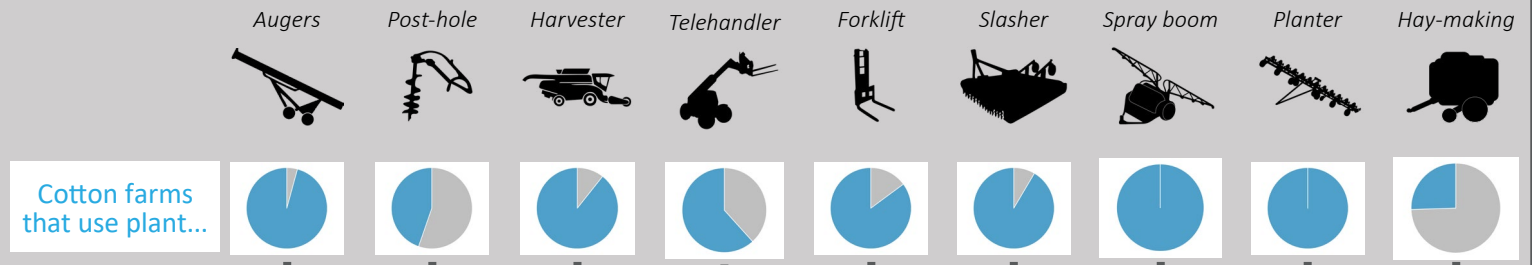


Mobile plant is risky ... and an essential part of farming

Cotton-growing farms use 7 of the 10 plant types surveyed on average

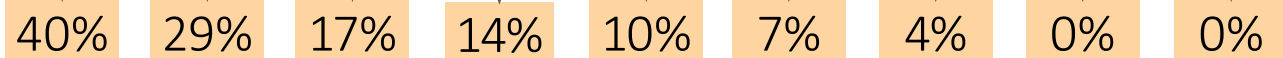
One in every 10 fatalities on farm in the last 20 years has been associated with mobile plant other than tractors and quad bikes

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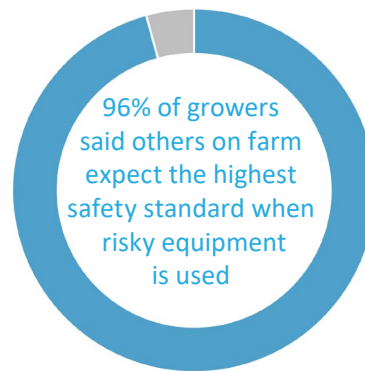


...and see as riskiest

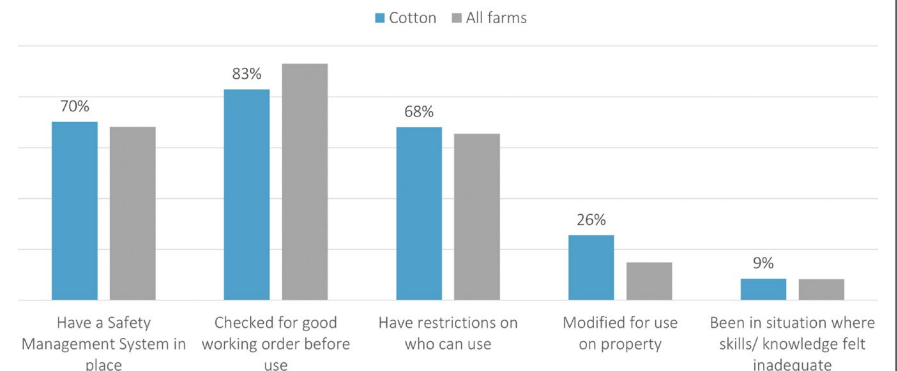
The plant growers see as riskiest differs between farms



Mobile plant seen as the riskiest is used often on cotton-growing farms



Many farms have work practices that support safe operation but not all farms and for not all risks



A Work Science survey of 229 farms: 47 were cotton growers with a typical farm size of 2,000 ha, worked by one family member, six workers at peak and use of one contractor.