

Mobile plant safety

Practices and perceptions on dairy farms



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

Dairy farms use six 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

- AgHealth Australia, 2022



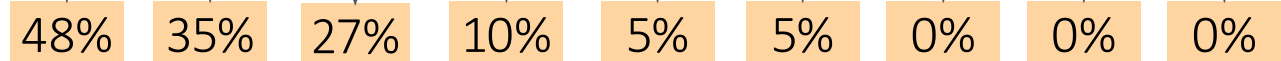
Dairy farms that use plant...



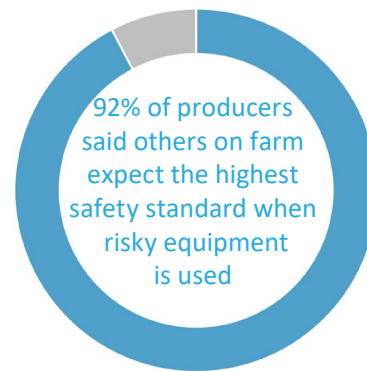
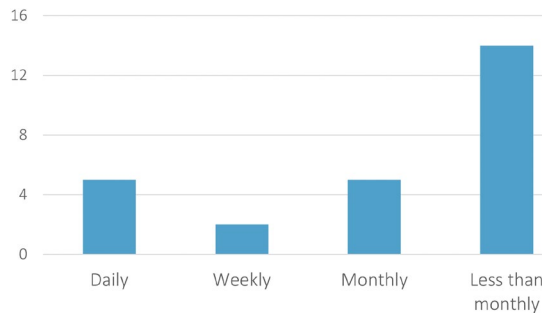
...and see as riskiest



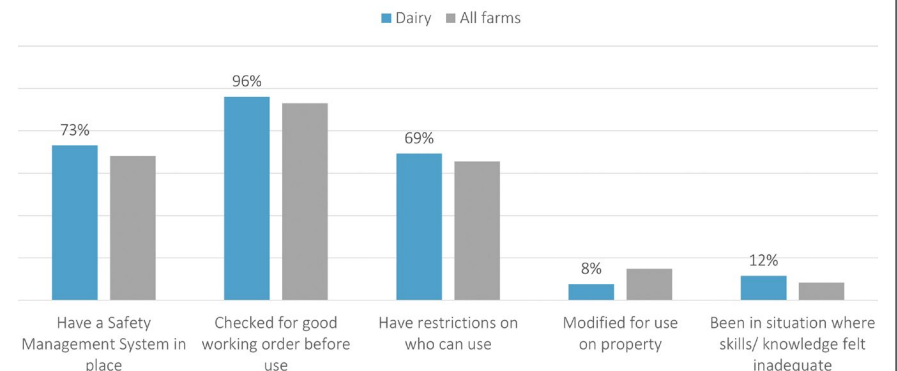
The plant producers see as riskiest differs between farms



Mobile plant seen as the riskiest is used often on dairy 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: 26 were dairy farmers with a typical farm size of 700 ha, worked by two family members, six workers at peak and use of no contractors.