



455 deaths at work in the last ten years

## Improving competencies and training: A health and safety seminar for agricultural businesses

Keynote speaker: Adam Henson, farmer and contributor to BBC TV "Countryfile" programme

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VENUE: Lantra House, Stoneleigh Park, Nr Coventry, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG

TIME: 10.30–16.30

Less than 1.5 per cent of the working population of Great Britain is employed in agriculture but the sector is responsible for between 15 per cent and 20 per cent of fatalities to workers each year. In 2007/08, 39 workers died bringing the ten-year total death toll to 455. The key causes of farm deaths have remained unchanged in that time, notably workplace transport, falls from height, being struck by moving or falling objects (including machinery), and livestock. The fatal accident incidence rate indicates that the industry continues to be one of the poorest performers of any major industrial sector. Lack of basic training or competency are often contributory factors.

### Who should attend the seminar?

This event is ideal for farming and horticultural businesses employing staff on a permanent or temporary basis. Farmers, partners, managers and directors of large companies and agri-businesses are particularly welcome.

### This event will:

- provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the HSE initiative to improve competencies and skills
- introduce a suite of health and safety vocational qualifications that are specific to the needs of the industry
- explain how to go about getting staff trained and qualified
- provide an outline of the legal duties placed on directors
- supply delegates with an up to date information pack containing the latest industry guidance
- be offered free of charge with refreshments and lunch included

### How do I take part?

To reserve your place at the seminar please email Alison Bailey at [alison.bailey@lantra.co.uk](mailto:alison.bailey@lantra.co.uk)

Places are strictly limited so you are strongly advised to book early and no later than 5 October 2009.