

Delivered in partnership  
with the Farming Connect  
Knowledge Transfer  
Programme.

**WALES**  
**FARM SAFETY**  
**PARTNERSHIP**



### Training

**Brian Rees (Farming Connect H&S Mentor & WFSP member) – delivered training for Veterinary & Agriculture students at Aberystwyth University.**

The IOSH Managing Safely is a mandatory online course for these students, but the lecturers felt that this course doesn't give specific farm safety training, specifically livestock handling. HSE fatal injury stats include livestock as one of the major causes of deaths on farms in GB, so again a more practical and specific livestock handling training was required. From the 26 students on the course only 2 had any farm work experience.

### Demonstration Network



**60% of the Health & Safety** checks on the Demonstration Farms have been completed.

5 of the projects with a Health & Safety aspect included:



**working with  
animals**



**health of  
humans**



**change in  
practices for falls  
prevention**

The role of technology to improve health & safety while working with animals is a key focus at Tanygraig, Lampeter where the project is aiming to answer the question 'Will compensatory growth result in reducing feeding cost without impacting on overall performance?'

The project requires data to be collected frequently on Daily Live Weight Gain (DLWG) of the Belgian Blue suckler cows and therefore an automatic cattle weigher, whereby the cattle enter the beef monitor to drink water and their weights are being monitored daily and reported back to the farmer via an app, will be used for the project to reduce the need of weighing the cattle manually through the crush reducing the risk of working with animals and safeguarding the farmer working with the cattle at Tanygraig.

### E-learning



**103 courses were completed in the period.**

These included:



**Farm Safety –  
Telescopic Lift Trucks**



**Mental health in  
agriculture**



**Health & Safety –  
risk management in  
forestry & farming**



**Food safety for  
growers of fresh  
produce**



**Pesticide safety**

### Health & Safety – Risk Management in Forestry & Farming

In most industries, deaths and injuries are decreasing but in farming, numbers have remained steady over recent years. "Work stresses, and pressures on farms can affect your mental health, with stress and poor mental health being linked to higher risk of further injuries and mistakes. In this module, we look at how you, your family, and your staff can minimise your risk, reduce your stress and stay healthy and safe on the farm.

The Health & Safety – Risk Management in Forestry & Farming module is a mandatory e-learning to be completed prior to a range of face to face training courses covering machinery and equipment use, health and safety and first aid.





## TB Conference

The WFSP attended the TB conference with a key message of safety whilst handling cattle. The stand included a variety of merchandise promoting safety on the farm and spoke to delegates specifically on livestock handling, especially during TB testing. Merchandise includes WFSP farm safety booklet, HSE what a good farm looks like, farm safety signs, safe stop stickers for the tractor and the children's workbooks.



## Shows



### Royal Welsh show

The Minister for Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths MS, launched the new children's farm safety story book – **Nice one Bob!** At the Royal Welsh Agricultural show in July. The book is based on how Bob (the farm's sheepdog) is keeping the children out of danger on the farm. The book is written by Bethan Gwanas and it has received many positive reviews. The book is available in both Welsh and English.

The **book** has since been animated and is available on Farming Connect's youtube channel.

### Summer shows

An interactive first aid demonstration was on the Welsh Government stand at the Anglesey show. The instructor approached members of the public and asked them to help him with his injuries (he set up fake injuries by using his prosthetics and fake blood). This really does provoke a response by farmers and by the public.

The theme in the Pembrokeshire County show was Spraying and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). The instructor had all the PPE equipment required to spray safely.



## Mentoring

### 182 hours of mentoring have taken place

Extracts from mentoring diaries include:

- "We discussed risk assessments, safe guarding polices, and understanding management of volunteers.
- The Mentee will work on the Risk Assessments for safeguarding visitors, employees and volunteers on farm."



## Innovation and Diversification Wales

Food safety is critical for producers and suppliers in protecting consumers of food products from foodborne illnesses or injuries related to food consumption. See below a link to a presentation from Edward Morgan, Castell Howell at the Innovation and Diversification Wales 2023 event showing how they are working alongside Farming Connect as suppliers to support growers with Food Safety.

[Edward Morgan, Castell Howell: Production opportunities for Wales](#)

